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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The following dispatch from Mr. MOTLEY, concerning the loss of the *Oneida*, has been received at the State Department. It is the official account given by the Captain of the *Bombay*, when called upon by his company:

Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State, Washington:

The Pacific and Oriental Steam Navigation Company have received the following reply from their Superintendent at Bombay:

BOMBAY, March 4—5 P. M.—Collision between *Bombay* and *Oneida* occurred 24th January, about twenty miles from Yokohama, at 7 P. M.; quite dark, *Oneida* being under all sail and steam, going thirteen knots, *Bombay* steaming head to wind, going eight knots. *Bombay* ported her helm, shutting in *Oneida's* green light. *Oneida* starboarded her helm crossing the *Bombay's* bows, rendering collision unavoidable. The *Bombay* felt the shock so little that Capt. EYRE did not think the *Oneida* could have been much damaged, and continued his voyage on to Yokohama. The *Oneida* was cut down on the quarter, and soon sank with 115 men. Two of her boats, with sixty-one men escaped. Do not know the names of the officers drowned. Saved—YATES, Master, SHUBARD, Surgeon, CROWNINSHIELD, Captain's Clerk, and fifty-seven sailors and marines. The *Bombay* was not damaged.

(Signed.) G. F. HENRY,
Supt. P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, Bombay.

J. L. MOTLEY, U. S. Minister, London.

LONDON, March 8.—The *Times* denounces the Captain of the *Bombay* for proceeding, after the collision with the *Oneida*, without positively ascertaining the damage that had been sustained by the latter.

EUROPE

Debate on the Irish Land Bill—Fields of Ice in the Atlantic—The Mordaunt Divorce—The Habeas Corpus in Ireland.

LONDON, March 8.—In the House of Commons, to-night, the debate on the Irish Land bill was continued. Mr. MAGUIRE, member for Cork, attacked the measure, declaring that it fell short of the exalted expectations of the Irish people. Leases should be protected, and made transferable. Politically, the Irish tenantry were dangerous; personally, they were models of virtue. He advocated the repeal of the law of distraint, and concluded by expressing the opinion that the bill, if properly amended, would prove a benefit to the country. Mr. G. W. HUNT, member for Northamptonshire, rejoiced at the good temper shown in the discussion, and commented at length on the provisions of the bill, approving of some, and censuring others. He thought the defects might be remedied in Committee. The Attorney-General made an elaborate reply to these objections. The O'DONOGHUE thought the task undertaken was really the reorganization of the social system of Ireland. There was one hopeful augury in the fact that his voice, hitherto unheeded, was now heard. Mr. HERSLET, member for Oxfordshire, discovered sources of endless litigation in the bill. Mr. BARRY, in a speech full of humor and force, showed that the tenure system of England favored the tenants, while that of Ireland favored the landlords. The inequality needed redress, an opportunity for which the bill afforded. Celts and Protestants fled to America bearing rancorous hatred toward England. From them came the possibility of war with America. He then proceeded to defend the bill in detail. After further debate the House adjourned.....The House of Lords, to-night, ordered the Open College bill for Manchester to a second reading and adjourned.....The Captains of sailing vessels arriving at English ports report the prevalence of heavy easterly gales in the Atlantic. The vast fields of ice are floating southwardly much earlier than usual this season.....The *Pall Mall Gazette* applauds the funding scheme of Secretary BOUTWELL.....In the Mordaunt divorce case, Lord PENZANCE has consented to hear in full bench arguments on the right of Sir CHARLES to proceed with the case, notwithstanding the decision as to Lady MORDAUNT's insanity.....Mr. ADDINGTON, formerly Charge d'Affaires at Washington, is dead.

DUBLIN, March 8.—The *Irish Times* asserts that the Government will soon issue orders for suspending again the operation of the writ of *habeas corpus* in Ireland.

Speech from M. Ollivier—Demonstration by Communists—The Proposition of Infallibility Before the Council—Spanish Affairs.

PARIS, March 8.—At a political banquet last night M. OLLIVIER made a remarkable speech. He urged all political parties to give the Ministry assistance and advice, and not keep aloof because of errors which had been or might be committed by the Ministry. He hoped the different parties would not be discouraged because mistakes had occurred, but would continue to point out improvements. He closed with the prediction that in spite of difficulties and accidents unforeseen the Ministry would yet succeed.....Eight hundred conscripts to-day formed in line, and with a crape banner at their head marched through the streets to the publication office of *La Marseillaise*. There they halted and sang the "Marseillaise," after which they quietly dispersed. The Police made no attempt to interfere with the proceeding.....The *Marseillaise* this morning publishes violent letters from HENRI ROCHEFORT and other political prisoners. A meeting was held in this city last evening for the purpose of organizing a society, to be called the Friends of Order. Several hundred people assembled; speeches were made and resolutions adopted denouncing the recent rioting and disorder in Paris.....Religious organs here have advices from Rome which represent that the Pope, in response to the request of the great majority of the Bishops, has distributed among the members of the Council a *schema*, proposing a definition of the dogma of infallibility, with a notice that the suggestions of the Fathers on the same will be received until the 11th inst. Dispatches from other sources add to the intelligence that in consequence of the introduction of this schema, the French Government has made a demand on the Papal Court that the Special Envoy of France be permitted to assist at the Council; also, that Cardinal ANTONELLI has acknowledged the receipt of the demand, and promises to answer it in a few days. The ultramontane journal *Le Monde* sketch pointedly, that the Pope has required the Ecumenical Council to fix upon a definition of personal infallibility within a week.

MADRID, March 8.—Admiral TOWNS continues a member of the Cabinet. The Cortes has authorized the prosecution of the Bishop of Santiago. Several Deputies to-day endeavored to bring the question of the monarchy before the Cortes, but at the request of Prim and RIVERO its consideration was postponed. The Budget for the Antilles is now under discussion. The unusual ceremony and attention with which the Prince of ASTURIAS was received by the Pope, occasions much comment here.

VIENNA, March 8.—The Austrian Government has authorized the Baron VON LEDEBER, its Minister at Washington, to represent Austria at the conference suggested by President GRANT, for the better protection of ocean telegraphic cables.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The Election Yesterday—Onslow Stearns Re-elected Governor—The Legislature.

CONCORD, N. H., March 8.—The pleasant weather and active canvass drew out a large vote at the State election to-day. Four candidates were in the field for Governor, viz.: ONSLOW STEARNS, Republican, and present incumbent; JOHN BEDEL, Democrat; SAMUEL FLINT, Labor Reform, and L. O. BARROWS, Temperance. For Railway Commissioner, CHAS. GAGE, MICHAEL T. DONAHOE, GEO. ROBERTS and H. D. PIERCE. Returns up to 9 o'clock are from 115 towns, which show a Republican loss of nearly 1,800. STEARNS is probably elected, but his majority will not exceed 500. The result is looked upon as doubtful. About half the State is heard from and over half the votes.

Later Returns—Stearns' Majority from 1,000 to 1,500.

CONCORD, N. H., March 8.—The result of some of the principal towns in the State is as follows:

Amherst—Stearns 194, Bedel 99, Flint 2, Barrows 2. Last year, Stearns 165, Bedel 100.

Manchester—Stearns 1,661, Bedel 910. Last year, Stearns 1,768, Bedel 1,229.

Dover—Stearns 1,028, Bedel 874, Flint 208, Barrows 1. Last year, Stearns 924, Bedel 444.

Concord—Stearns 1,723, Bedel 455, Flint 250, Barrows 44. Last year, Stearns 1,504, Bedel 506.

Portsmouth—Stearns 1,162, Bedel 708, Flint 9, Barrows 2. Last year, Stearns 1,114, Bedel 460.

CONCORD, N. H., March 8—10½ P. M.—Returns have been received from 147 towns—over two-thirds of the State—which give Stearns 26,884, Bedel 17,831, Flint 4,877, Barrows 961. Stearns' loss from last year is over 1,400; his majority last year was 3,781. Stearns is probably elected by from 1,000 to 1,500 majority. The Legislature is Republican with the majority reduced from last year.

CONCORD, N. H., March 8—1 A. M.—The Republicans have probably elected six Senators, and there will probably be two vacancies. The Republicans have also elected three of the five Councilors.

The Latest Returns.

CONCORD, March 9—9 A. M.—One hundred and sixty-four towns give STEARNS 27,782, BEDEL 19,420, FLINT 5,114, BARROWS 996. The returns so far show a net loss to STEARNS of about 1,800 over last year. The returns at 1 o'clock show a still further loss to STEARNS. Without giving summary they indicate his reflection by 1,300 or 1,400 majority. The returns embrace about seven-eighths of the State. The Democrats have elected probably four Senators, viz., the Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Twelfth Districts.

The Republicans have undoubtedly carried the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Districts. The Tenth and Eleventh are considered doubtful, with the preponderance in favor of the Republicans. The Republicans have carried four of the Councilor districts, and the Democrats one, the same as last year. The House will show little change, there being probably forty or fifty Republican majority in that branch.

Charter Elections in Various States—Republican Successes.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 8.—The charter election was held to-day. JOHN LUTES, Democrat, is elected Mayor by 450 majority. ROBINSON, Democrat, is elected Justice by about the same majority. The Republicans elected eight Aldermen and the Democrats six. The Common Council stands Republicans 18, Democrats 12. The Republicans elect eleven Supervisors, and the Democrats three. The Board of Supervisors stands twenty-one Republicans and twelve Democrats. The Democrats elect one School Commissioner, and the Republicans six, making the Board of Education largely Republican.

CHICAGO, March 8.—The municipal elections at Des Moines and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Monticello, Ill., have resulted in favor of the Republicans.

BATAVIA, N. Y., March 8.—At the charter election held here to-day the entire Republican ticket was elected by majorities ranging from 50 to 70.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—At the Camden, N. J., election to-day, the Republicans elected the Mayor and every other officer except two Councilmen in the Middle Ward.

The Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad—Adverse Report of the Massachusetts Executive on the Further Issue of Scrip.

BOSTON, Mass., March 8.—A Committee of the Executive Council having been appointed to examine the application of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railway for a further issue of State scrip, have made a report, which the Governor transmitted to the Legislature to-day, accompanied by a personal communication from himself, in which he reviews the management of the trustees and directors, and says:

"Self-preservation, if not prudence, would seem to have been sufficient to have kept the managers from thus perilling any enterprise as vital to them, personally, and so important to the State. But, instead of keeping the funds sacred, and devoting them to the purposes for which they were intended, they invested them in the stock of the corporation at a much higher price than that which was obtained when it was originally issued. The authority to do this, by the act of incorporation, is doubtful at least. As trustees of a great enterprise they certainly had no warrant for thus employing the money placed in their hands. The Governor further says: "The Directors now acknowledge that the corporation is burdened with a heavy floating debt; that they have no bonds on hand; that the stock is issued to the last dollar, and there is no money in the treasury. Under these circumstances I feel bound to continue to withhold my assent for any further issue of the bonds of the State until the whole matter has been passed upon by the Legislature."

The Committee report at length upon the financial history of the corporation, and indorse the Governor's stand as to not granting more State aid.

A German Theatre in Philadelphia Burned Last Night—The Loss Heavy.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—About 8 o'clock this evening a fire broke out in the large building back of the corner of Seventh and Coates streets, belonging to a German club. The building contained a theatre in which a German company has been performing for the past three months for the purpose of raising funds to erect a new theatre. Fortunately the audience had not begun to assemble for to-night's performance. The building was completely burned out. The loss is heavy, but is covered by insurance.

THE WEST INDIES.

The Cuban Revolt—The Gun Douhaye Revolt Spreading—Jamaica News.

HAVANA, March 8.—A party of ninety insurgents, commanded by ARENCEBIA, and consisting of part of the force of JESUS DEL SOL, left the Cienaga de Zapata, and have arrived near Guines, forty miles from Havana. The troops from all points of the surrounding country are marching against them.....The Havana markets are unsettled on account of the fluctuations of gold in New-York.

SAN DOMINGO.

SAN DOMINGO, Feb. 25, *via* HAVANA, March 8.—The revolution is extending, and becoming more general on the island. The aid asked for from abroad has been received. The revolutionists declare that the majority of the inhabitants of the island are opposed to its annexation to the United States.

JAMAICA.

Late advices have been received from the Island of Jamaica. Gov. GRANT would soon leave for England, where it was expected he would remain. A memorial of the citizens of Jamaica had been prepared and presented to the Governor, asking the British Government to subsidize a line of steamers to run between the Island of Jamaica and the Port of New-York.

VENEZUELA.

The Revolt—The Government of Monagas Endangered.

CARACAS, Feb. 25, *via* HAVANA, March 8.—The Venezuelan revolutionists are fast multiplying, and the Monagas Government is considered in a critical condition. Gov. MONAGAS, with one thousand soldiers, has gone to Coro to fight Gen. BLANCO. The disturbances now extend throughout the entire Republic.

CANADA.

Bridging or Tunneling the Detroit River—The Governor-General Going to Red River—Fire in Lindsay.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 8.—In Parliament, to-day, a bill to incorporate the Detroit River Transit Company was introduced. It is in the interest of the Great Western Railroad and Michigan Central Railroad Companies. The capital stock of the company is $2,000,000. The company is to be organized as soon as $1,000,000 are subscribed and ten per cent. thereof paid up. The company will have power to build either a bridge over the Detroit River or to construct a tunnel.....It is stated that Sir JOHN YOUNG, Governor-General, will proceed in person to Red River immediately after the close of the present session of Parliament.

LINDSAY, March 8.—The stores occupied by A. GILLIES, dry goods dealer, and BERTRAM BROTHERS, hardware dealers, were destroyed by fire last night. The loss is $50,000.

CHICAGO, March 8.—The latest letters received in this city from Winnipeg express the belief that nobody has been or will be executed by RIEL.

The Buffalo Board of Trade on Mr. Bennett—Action of the Trustees Repudiated.

BUFFALO, March 8.—The Board of Trade, this morning, by a vote of 22 to 18, repudiated the action of the trustees in the case of Hon. D. S. BENNETT, member of Congress from this district, by the following:

Resolved, That this Board of Trade disapproves of the one-sided action taken by the trustees yesterday in the case of Hon. D. S. BENNETT, and that we respectfully request the Congress to call another Committee to inquire into the alleged acts dishonorably committed by said D. S. BENNETT and TRUMAN G. AVERY, and, if found true, they be expelled from the Board of Trade.

The Prospect Park Commissioners.

A meeting of the Commissioners of Prospect Park was held yesterday evening, J. S. T. STRANAHAN, Esq., President, in the chair. The financial statement for February, 1870, was submitted, and was as follows:

Balance of cash in hand, Feb. 1		$129,418 27
Received for permits		1,000 00
Received for old material		24 72
Received for Park Pound		18 00
Total		$130,261 65
Paid salaries Controller's Office	$224 00	
Paid salaries Superintendents	1,248 16	
Paid payroll Park Police	1,000 00	
Paid payroll Engineer Force	7,001 67	
Total	$9,473 83	
Cash balance March 1	$120,787 82	$130,261 65
CONSTRUCTION.		
Expended on Prospect Park		$5,323 50
Expended on Washington Park		29 29
Expended on Parade Ground		31 70
Total		$5,385 49
MAINTENANCE.		
Expended on Prospect Park	$8,454 14	
Expended on Washington Park	1,000 00	
Expended on Carroll Park	31 05	
Expended on City Park	67 20	
Expended on City Hall Park	45 00	9,597 39
Total		$9,432 49
RECAPITULATION.		
Balance to credit of maintenance		$95,405 20
Balance to credit of Washington Park		72,700 46
Balance to credit of Carroll Park		4,616 95
Parade Ground over drawn		1,115 49

The Controller reported that at the request of the President he had insured the Lodgeon the Parade Ground for $2,000, and that the premium, therefore, amounted to $65; also, that the office expenses for January and February, as per bills submitted, amounted to $1,000; also, that the lithographer's and photographer's bills for illustrations furnished for the last annual report amounted to $441. Ordered that the same be paid, the two latter amounts out of the general maintenance fund, to be reimbursed by the Prospect Park fund when in hand.

Mayor KALBFLEISCH observed most emphatically, to the transfer of obligations. It was wrong in principle, and it was time that a stop should be put to spending funds which are not in hand.

Mr. FIERE warmly maintained the resolution, and proclaimed his readiness to subscribe half the amount himself if the Mayor would put his name down for the other half.

The resolution was also submitted on the subject of opening Sackett, Douglass and President streets, and the opening of Degraw and Union streets, which was adopted, with the single dissent of the Mayor. A resolution regarding an inclosed wall for Washington Park was also passed, the Mayor dissenting.

The Mayor then submitted a resolution that all work upon Prospect Park be suspended till additional funds be granted by the Legislature in the hands of the Commissioners.

Mr. FIERE said that the Mayor had cultivated the talent of vetoing to such an extent that he fancied he could veto anything, and had evidently come to the meeting prepared to obstruct the order of business, and to break up the Commissioners.

The resolution was negatived, the Mayor being the only supporter.

The Wrecked Steamer Eagle—List of Officers and Passengers.

The following is a list of the passengers of the steamship *Eagle*, which we announced yesterday went ashore at Body Island, thirty-five miles north of Cape Hatteras:

Mrs. George Newton and infant, James Duchasse, Alexander Rees, Antonio Castillo, A. H. Taylor and wife, Solomon Allingham, Domingo Gomez, Richard Langley, Jose R. de Leon, D. Knowlton, James F. Fowler, Domingo Buttalli.

The officers in command of the *Eagle* are as follows:

Captain, M. R. Greene; First Officer, J. W. Furber; Second Officer, James Wheatley; Purser, W. B. Homstead; Chief Engineer, Wm. Perry.

These, together with crew and firemen, makes the total of the steamship's company fifty-nine persons. Capt. GREENE has long been regarded as an experienced and able navigator, and, having this assistance of well tried officers and sailors, there is expressed at the office of the Company much satisfaction, inasmuch as such a fact leads greatly to allay any premonitory alarm that might naturally be exalted regarding the safety of passengers, crew and vessel.

Removal of the Peekskill Foundries.

The removal of the foundries from Peekskill will be a serious blow to property owners in that place. The demands of the Molders' Union of Peekskill have compelled the manufacturers of stoves, plows, &c., to withdraw to places where they can get their molding done at lower rates. About 1,000 moulders and workmen in foundries will be thrown out of employment, it is said, at Peekskill in consequence of this action.

WASHINGTON.

Passage of the Georgia Bill—Bingham's Amendment Adopted—Reform in Printing—Bill Repealing the Alaska Seal Fisheries Introduced—The Funding and the Gold Plot—Miscellaneous.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Georgia bill passed the House this afternoon with Judge BINGHAM's amendment, which prohibits the bill from being construed so as to perpetuate the present Legislature beyond Dec. 31, 1870, or to prolong the term of any officer beyond the term for which he was originally elected. In other words, it is a virtual declaration that Congress has the power to interfere in any State, and correct irregularities in its form of government, which maybe inconsistent with the provision of the Constitution which provides that the United States shall guarantee to every State a republican form of government. Messrs. BUTLER, DAVIS, and others sought to justify the present action of Congress on the ground that the State Government had never been anything but provisional; but the position assumed by Mr. BINGHAM in its actual effect reaches a great deal further, and makes it not impossible that Congress will interfere and correct insurrections and irregularities in other States as well. This is a severe defeat to Gov. BULLOCK and his friends, as the bill will pass the Senate in its present shape without much doubt; and in the election of a new Legislature the majority is likely to be Democratic. Its virtual effect is to render the election of POMEROY BLODGETT as United States Senator invalid. BINGHAM's amendment passed by 114 yeas to 71 nays, the latter being all Republicans. The following Republicans voted in the affirmative:

Allison,	Hay,	Sargent,
Ambler,	Heaton,	Schenck,
Banks,	Hill,	Smith of Ohio,
Beaman,	Hooper,	Smith of Vt.,
Beatty,	Ingersoll,	Starkweather,
Bingham,	Jenckes,	Strong,
Blair,	Judd,	Taffe,
Boutwell,	Kelley,	Tanner,
Burchard,	Kelley,	Taylor,
Churchill,	Ketcham,	Tyner,
Cullom,	Lafin,	Washburn of Wisconsin,
Cullom,	Logan,	Washburn of Massachusetts,
Cook,	Lynch,	Welker,
Culless,	McCarthy,	Wheeler,
Dawes,	McCrary,	Wilkinson,
Deckery,	McKenzie,	Willard,
Dodge,	Morrill of Ohio,	Williams,
Farnsworth,	Moore of Illinois,	Wilson of Ohio,
Ferry,	Orth,	Winans,
Fitzgerald,	Packard,	Witcher.
Garfield,	Peck,	
Hale,	Pomeroy,	
Hawkins,	Rogers,	
Hawley,		

On the final passage of the bill three Republicans voted against it, viz.: Messrs. STEVENSON, Ohio; TANNER, New-York, and HAWKINS, Tennessee. Messrs. FARNSWORTH and BINGHAM did not vote.

REFORM IN THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

Mr. LAFLIN, Chairman of the Printing Committee, struck a heavy blow in the direction of reform in the public printing to-day, by reporting a bill in conformity with the suggestions of the report of the Commissioner of Patents, to change the mode of printing the mechanical part of the Patent Office Reports, the annual cost of which is now $224,000 per annum, or one-half of the total cost of all the printing done under the orders of the House. If the number of patents increases during the next ten years as rapidly as during the past ten years, the cost of this publication will reach $1,000,000. The plan now proposed is to issue at the end of each week copies of the drawings, specifications and claims involved in each patent granted, and send a copy of each to the library of each State capital, and also deposit a copy in the Clerk's office of each Judicial District of the United States. Copies will also be furnished to any individual applicant at cost. The expense of this method will be $60,000 per annum, or a saving of $174,000 per year, as compared with the present process. The bill will probably pass the House to-morrow.

THE ALASKA SEAL FISHERIES.

The Alaska Seal Fisheries bill was to-day reported to the House with amendments, which are briefly as follows: The two islands of St. George and St. Paul are to be leased for a sum not more than fifty thousand dollars per annum, to such responsible parties as the Secretary of the Treasury may elect, who are to be allowed to kill one hundred thousand seals per annum on which a tax of $2 each is to be paid; and who are obliged to take measures for the comfort, maintenance and education of the native inhabitants. The lease is to run for twenty years. In reference to the skins now on the island held subject to the control of Congress, the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to levy a tax of $1 on each skin. The fate of the bill in the House is by no means certain. The Secretary of the Treasury wishes to manage the business by Treasury agents, and if he should decide to press his measure, he will, of course, find strong supporters. The Committee have reported against him, for the reason that they are opposed to the pursuit of what appears to be a branch of business by the Government, which experience has shown has always resulted in loss to the Treasury.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOLD PLOT.

A few papers, some of them claiming to be Republican, too, in commenting on the manner in which the President is vindicated by the recent report on the gold investigation, attempt to show that CORBIN, GOULD and FISK had finally produced some impression upon his mind, which, it is claimed, is reflected in the letter of Sept. 12, 1869, addressed to Secretary BOUTWELL. For this inference or assertion, when the facts are properly placed, there is not the slightest warrant. What GOULD & Co. wanted, and what they preached at the President most industriously, was that no gold whatever should be sold pending the movement of the crops. Now, the journals referred to ignore, or affect to ignore, the very important fact that the Secretary was, in September last, prior to the conspiracy and at the time the letter of the 12th was written, making his regular sale of gold and purchases of bonds for the sinking fund. This was the policy which GOULD & Co. wanted changed, and that was the action which the President took special care to urge BOUTWELL "to continue to move on without change." The Secretary was then selling gold regularly, and that was what the conspirators didn't want. The President saw through their schemes so clearly that he stopped and wrote the letter which warned BOUTWELL against their desires. CORBIN and GOULD supposed that the letter supported their theory. On the contrary it avoided them entirely, and left the President so far from any committal in behalf of their theory, that when the crisis came he was even more anxious to crush the bubble than the Secretary himself. Here is what Secretary BOUTWELL testified to as to the construction he put upon the letter of Sept. 12.

Q. How did you consider the letter of the 12th of September, in which the President said: "I would move on." Did he mean to say that he would act in pursuance of his policy, that is, not to endeavor to check the price of gold? A. I understood it to mean that in the existing condition of things in New-York, as they appeared to him on the 12th, he would advise no change in our programme for the month of September.

Q.—That was the only letter you received from the President after that of the 8th of September? A.—I think so.

Q.—What policy do you understand to be referred to in the President's letter of Sept. 12, which he thinks ought to be carried out for September? A.—As I understand it, it was that he would allow the existing order to remain—which was, as I recollect it, to sell a million of gold on alternate weeks for the benefit of the sinking fund during the month of September.

TRANSPORTATION OF MERCHANDISE.

The bill allowing merchandise to be transported from ports of arrival to certain western and eastern ports of destination, was to-day, in Committee, further amended so as to include Louisville, Kentucky and Port Huron, on Lake Michigan. In view of the fact that to allow merchandise to be thus transported from any port of entry to the ports named in the bill, might open a wide door for fraud, a further amendment was made to the bill, specifying that the law should be suspective only so far as the transmission of goods from certain ports named in the bill are concerned,—thus making it applicable not to all ports of entry, but to twelve or fourteen.

REDUCTION OF THE TAXES.

The Ways and Means Committee meet every day on the consideration of the Tax bill. In order to prevent assurance and interference they have passed a resolution of profound secrecy in regard to their doings, but they give out the assurance that they are hard at work reducing the taxes.

THE FUNDING BILL.

The point of the Funding bill under debate in the Senate to-day, was that clause allowing the Secretary of the Treasury one per cent to negotiate the bond. In the course of the discussion, Mr. SHERMAN alluded to the newspaper attacks on this percentage, and to the speeches of some of his colleagues on the same subject. Mr. SHERMAN read a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to the effect that he did not think it could be done for less, showing how, in his opinion, it would not be put on the market, and the vast amount of labor necessary to fund the debt for a sum much less than that provided by the bill. Mr. GARRETT DAVIS made one of those tedious speeches which he has ready for all occasions. He touched on natural history, mythology, the McClellan campaign, and other pertinent topics, after which the Senate went into Executive Session. From the tendency of Senators to talk, there does not appear to be any probability that the bill will leave the Senate this week.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

The Banking and Currency Committee are a great deal perplexed in regard to the resolution of the House requiring them to report a bill for fifty millions increase of the currency. Here is the country going toward specie payments at the rate of one per cent. a day, a majority of the Committee opposed to any increase at all, and yet the imperative order of the House for fifty millions more. The Committee have agreed to make the currency greenbacks so as to have the bill as objectionable as possible in this shape, and, under existing circumstances, the proposition is never likely to get beyond the House.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The Secretary of the Interior has prepared and submitted to the President a strong paper on the present condition of our Indian affairs. It reviews the situation on our Western border, the causes of dissatisfaction and restlessness among the Indian tribes, the Piegan massacre and the conduct of the military therein, the border settlers and their trespasses and injustice towards the Indians, and the remedies the Secretary thinks essential to correct these abuses. The document is lengthy, moderate and able, and when presented by the President to Congress will attract attention.

"PERSONAL PRIVILEGE."

The old point of personal Senatorial control of certain offices, and the sort of compact which exists among Senators, by which, on what is called a question of personal privilege, an individual member has virtually the right to reject a nominee against the judgment of the majority of the body, came up in the Senate Executive Session to-day, and was again affirmed. It arose in this way: The President, some time ago, nominated Gen. HOPKINS to be Post-master of Nashville, Tenn. Senator FOWLER objected to his confirmation, and has been for some time urging his rejection, putting it on this question of "personal privilege." The Senate, to-day, rejected HOPKINS to please Mr. FOWLER, and to preserve the *entente cordiale* among Senators.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day:

JAMES E. COOPER, of Louisiana, Pension Agent at New-Orleans; EDWARD BLOODGOOD, to be Captain of Infantry; Passed Assistant Surgeon GEORGE H. COOKE, to be Surgeon in the Navy.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments of Assistant Assessors of Internal Revenue were made to-day: William A. Williams, Eighth New-York; Samuel W. Hudson, William G. Richards, William J. Nicholson, George Chase, Alex. J. Robertson, Fifteenth New-York; Elern T. Calkins and Richard Oakley, Eleventh New-York.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate, in Executive Session, confirmed the nominations of RICHARD H. WHITING to be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Fifth District of Illinois, and JOHN M. SULLIVAN to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twenty-third District of Pennsylvania, and rejected the nomination of ENOS HOPKINS to be Postmaster at Nashville, Tenn.

THE INDIANS.

Official Report of the Recent Massacre by the Troops—Men, Women and Children in a Diseased Camp Slaughtered—Prospects of an Indian War.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—It appears, from official documents sent to the House of Representatives to-day, that on the 1st of October last Lieut.-Gen. SHERIDAN wrote to Adjt.-Gen. TOWNSEND as follows:

"We have had so few troops in Montana on account of expirations of enlistments as to be unable to do much against these Indian marauders, but this season we have sent out parties. I think it would be the best plan to let me find out exactly where the Indians are going to spend the Winter, and about the time of a good heavy snow I will send out a party and strike them. About the 15th of January they will be very helpless, and if where they live is not too far from Fort Shaw or Fort Ellis we might be able to give them a good, hard blow, which will make peace a desirable object instead of simply keeping the troops on the defensive. While not stopping the marauders we must occasionally strike those who have left the Agencies. General in Chief thinks well of this. I will try and send a small force on these tribes from Fort Shaw or Fort Ellis during the Winter. They number about 1,500, men, women and children, all told."

Adjt.-Gen. TOWNSEND replied:

"Referring to your communication of the 21st inst., relative to depredations by the Piegan Indians in Montana, I have to inform you that your proposed action, as stated therein, for the punishment of these marauders has been approved by the General of the Army."

THE MASSACRE AND ITS EFFECT.

The result of the expedition against the Indians is thus officially stated in a communication to Gen. SULLY dated Helena, Montana, Feb. 6:

"Of the 173 killed, thirty-three were men; of these fifteen only were such as are called by them young or fighting men; these were between the ages of twelve and thirty-seven; the remaining eighteen were between the ages of thirty-seven and seventy, eight of the latter between sixty and seventy. Ninety were women; the remaining fifty were children, none of them aged twelve years, and many of them in their mothers' arms. Out of 219 Indians belonging to Red Horn's camp only forty-six survived. Among them are nine young men who escaped during the attack, and five were away hunting. The lives of eighteen women and nineteen children, none of them more than three years of age, and the majority of them much younger, some of whom were wounded, were spared by the soldiers. Red Horn himself was killed. At the time of the attack this camp were suffering severely from small-pox, having had it among them for two months, the average rate of deaths among them having been six daily. The remnant of the Piegan Indians, with the exception of one band, upon hearing of the annihilation of Red Horn's band, and fearing they might be called upon to share a similar fate, broke up their camp and fled. It is impossible as yet to arrive at a just conclusion as to the real feeling. The punishment they have received at the hands of the soldiers has certainly spread terror among them. Still it is hardly to be expected they will be satisfied without the revenge that an Indian naturally craves."

ANOTHER MURDER.

Gen. SULLY, in a letter dated Aug. 3, says:

"I intend to do all I can to arrest some of the citizens of Montana, who about ten days ago, committed the cowardly murder of a harmless old man and a boy about fourteen years old, at Fort Benton. They were Piegans, a part of the Blackfeet nation. These Indians were shot in broad daylight in the streets of the town. I think I can arrest the murderers, but doubt very much if I can convict them in any court. Nothing can be done to insure peace here until there is a military force strong enough to clear out the reckless whiskey sellers in this country. But I will do all I can, with the limited means in my power, to prevent a war or any serious difficulties between the whites and Indians."

FULFILLMENT OF OUR TREATY OBLIGATIONS.

The President sent to the House of Representatives to-day a letter inclosing a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, in relation to the obligations of Congress to make the necessary appropriations to carry out the Indian treaties made, by what is known as the Peace Commissioners of 1867. The President says:

"The history of these treaties and the consequences of non-compliance with them by the Government, are so clearly set forth in this statement, that I deem it better to communicate it in full than to ask the necessary appropriation in a shorter statement of the reasons for it. I earnestly desire that, if an Indian war becomes inevitable, the Government of the United States at least should not be responsible for it. Pains will be taken and force used, if necessary, to prevent the departure of the expeditions referred to by the Secretary of the Interior."

DANGER OF AN INDIAN WAR.

In his communication, which is quite long, the Secretary of the Interior informs the President that he has sent to the House, in compliance with a resolution of that body, the documents in relation to the Piegans, and says the condition of things along the whole border is such that he regards it as his duty to call the attention of the President to the imminent danger of general hostilities with the Indians, and to suggest that the lively interest in the subject manifested by Congress warrants the laying before them of a more comprehensive view of the subject than could be done in response to the single inquiry which had just been answered. From the extreme northern border to Mexico complaints of what they called a lack of faith come from all the tribes.

CAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES.

He says the great cause of all our difficulty with the wild tribes is the fact that the civilized settlements are constantly narrowing the boundaries of their hunting grounds, and crowding them out of the regions which they have by immemorial tradition regarded as their own; whilst no thoroughly consistent good faith is kept in redeeming the promises which we make to them as the condition of their acquiescence in the new order of things. He quotes the statute to show the authority given the Peace Commissioners, and says, concerning the treaties made by them:

"The treaties made by them were duly ratified, and as I confess myself unable to see how a more complete obligation on the part of the Government of the United States could be created by by law, I think the Indians may well be pardoned if they regard the failure to carry out the provisions of these treaties as a breach of faith on our part. But if any great reasons of public policy shall be held to prevent the recognition of the national obligation, it is but just to demand that the exact meaning of the Government should be defined, and these simple-minded tribes made to understand precisely what they may expect, and be relieved of every doubt as to the purpose and policy of the Government."

DEFINITION OF POLICY NEEDED.

The Secretary recommends that the attention of Congress should be called to the necessity of an immediate and explicit definition of the purpose of the Government on the subject of Indian treaties, and to such action as in their wisdom may be likely to avert the evils which now seem imminent. He concludes as follows:

"If I were to waive all inquiry as to the moral obligations of a Christian nation under such circumstances, I think it would be demonstrably clear that as a mere question of pecuniary economy it would be cheaper to feed every adult Indian now living, even to sleepy surfeiting, during his natural life, while their children are educated to self-support by agriculture, than it would be to carry on a general Indian war for a single year. The shocking barbarities and mutilations of the dead and of prisoners which are often referred to are the usual accompaniments of Indian warfare. By preserving peace we may hope to avoid them, and cannot believe that it is beyond the wisdom and the resources of a great nation like our own to give a peace policy a thorough trial.

THE MORDAUNT DIVORCE SUIT.

Case for the Petitioner and Final Reply.

On Feb. 24 the Mordaunt divorce case entered upon its final stage. The disclosures made by the witnesses having terminated, it might have been supposed that the public excitement created by them would have diminished, but the eagerness to hear the speeches of counsel was so great as to attract a crowd fully equal to that of any former day.

CASE FOR THE PETITIONER.

Sergeant BALLANTINE proceeded to address the jury for the petitioner. He complained of the absence of Lady LOUISA MONCRIEFFE, mother of the respondent, and of other important witnesses, and impeached the evidence gotten from less prominent persons. Continuing, he remarked that before going farther, he might observe that the name of His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES was mentioned in the first condonation, but not in the second, and he should by-and-by point out the difference between his Royal Highness's position and that of the other persons whose names had been implicated. This was naturally the way he should proceed with the review of circumstances. On the 18th of March the mind of Sir C. MORDAUNT became more oppressed and darkened by the dawning conviction of his wife's guilt, and he questioned his wife as to the persons whose names she mentioned and their guilt or innocence. Could he any longer doubt, after the results of those inquiries? He did what any other man placed in his circumstances would naturally have done; he went to the quarters where evidence could be obtained to satisfy his mind, and he succeeded in procuring evidence of such crushing weight as could leave no particle of doubt. The other side were deliberately preventing them from knowing the full history of the case, and shutting out the evidence that was most important, appeared from the circumstances that they were left in ignorance of the child's behavior to the mother after those deplorable and miserable confessions. Lady LOUISA on her second visit, was with her daughter for hours day after day, talking over her and conversing upon all the circumstances. His cross-examination of Sir T. MONCRIEFFE pointed to this. He asked that gentleman if he had learned from Lady LOUISA the statement her daughter had made to her, and the learned Judge also asked him if Lady LOUISA ever repeated to him these statements. When

CURRENT NOTES.

With a due regard to the requirements of Lent a Portsmouth, N. H., fisherman caught on the 4th inst. a codfish weighing 125 pounds.

A physician and an undertaker reside in the same house in Boston, and it occasioned an awkward mistake a day or two ago.

Mr. P. B. COGSWELL, of the Concord (N. H.) *Monitor*, yesterday declined the nomination on the Citizens' ticket for Mayor of that city.

Mr. DAWES has promised to speak in Connecticut before the election, if his duties at Washington will permit.

Hon. RICHARD BRUNNELL, a member of the Assembly in 1827, died in West Hockhain, Pa. Lawrence County, on the 26th ult.

Mr. JAMES S. GARY, a highly respected merchant of Baltimore, and one of the largest cotton manufacturers in Maryland, died on Monday.

The Little Rock (Ark.) Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, has appointed a Board of Trustees to establish a Female College in Little Rock.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Constitutionalist* speculates upon what the Democratic Party might do if it were united, incorruptible, sincere and well led.

The will of WM. S. BAIRD, recently admitted to probate in Philadelphia, bequeaths $12,000 to various religious and benevolent organizations in Pennsylvania.

There was another death from *trichinæ spiralis*, making the fourth, in Bridgeport, Conn., on Monday. The sickness was caused by eating raw pork.

Four statues are to be placed upon the new City Hall of Detroit, representing Justice, Industry, the Arts and Commerce. The first, twelve feet high and cut from sand-stone, has been completed.

The annual commencement exercises of the Medical Department of Harvard College take place to-day. They include an address to the graduates by Rev. Dr. ANDREW P. PEABODY.

The Winsted (Conn.) *Herald* is enraptured with the ice, "from a foot to eighteen inches thick, clear and hard as crystal, and free to all comers," now being taken from a lake in its immediate neighborhood.

Schools were kept in 5,058 districts in Michigan last year, and were attended by about 270,000 children. The average length of the schools was 6 3-10 months. They employed 2,254 male teachers, at an average salary of $47.71 per month, and 7,592 females, averaging $24 55 per month. The total expense was $2,330,112.

At a meeting under the auspices of the Democratic Association of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia on Saturday evening, Mr. JOHN CAMPBELL, the principal speaker, insisted that the Democracy to succeed must accept the situation, recognize the importance of the colored vote, and nominate Hon. SALMON P. CHASE for President in 1872.

A writer, who is more newspaper correspondent than clergyman, but who has nearly swung around the circle of the denominations as the latter, says in a recent letter that the people in this region are so fitful and fickle, and there is so little permanency in settlements, that the wonder is that any man who can shovel coal or drive an express wagon is willing to run the risks of a pastorate.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Binghamton on Saturday evening to urge the establishment of a soldiers' home in this State. Speeches were made by Judge EALOUM, Gen. J. C. ROBINSON, Dr. BURR, Rev. W. H. OLIN, Mayor MAFFITT and others, and the resolutions adopted by the recent meeting at the Cooper Institute, as this City, were unanimously indorsed as expressing clearly the views of those present.

Judge CARPENTER decided at Charleston, S. C., on the 4th inst., that a note drawn payable six months after the declaration of peace between the United States and Confederate States of America could not be collected, as no peace had been declared "between those Governments." Exceptions were taken, on the ground that the close of hostilities was a virtual declaration of peace.

A Connecticut reporter, who recently attended a wedding, apparently for the first time, writes that when he looked upon the bride "in her sweet grace and with her gentle ways, he felt like going into the shadowed gardens of imagination and gathering there the rarest roses of language—roses half asleep in their buds and half awake as they swelled to bloom from slumber—and adorning her wedding wreath, already full with the blessings and repeated blessings and bridal offerings of loving friends."

General SHERIDAN has written to Washington that the dispatch of VINCENT COLLYER in reference to the expedition against the Piegans was unjust to Colonel BAKER, and that, so far as the wild Indians are concerned, the problem which the good people of the country must decide is, who shall be killed, whites or Indians? General SHERIDAN asserts that since 1862 at least 800 men, women and children have been murdered in the most fiendish manner within the limits of his present command, and he gives details of outrages committed upon women which are too terrible for publication.

The Prescott (Arizona) *Miner* gives a partial list of the persons murdered by Indians in that Territory since March 4, 1864. The list contains the names, so far as they could be ascertained, of 103 victims, and the *Miner* expresses the opinion that if it could obtain the names of all the persons killed in the Territory since its settlement, at least 200 more would be added to it; while over 200 have been wounded, more or less seriously, since the beginning of 1864. The *Miner* does not care to inquire into the robberies committed by the Indians, and consoles itself with the thought that "hundreds of the murderous races of savages that infest the Territory have been sent to their long home, and will trouble the white men no more."

Military Court-Martial Yesterday.

Pursuant to the following General Order, a Board of Officers of the United States Army convened at Head-quarters Department of the East, in this City, yesterday, at 11 A. M.:

HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW-YORK CITY, Feb. 14, 1870.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 34.—A General Court-martial is hereby appointed to meet at the Army Building, New-York City, on Monday, the 21st of February, 1870, at 11 o'clock A. M., or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of First Lieutenant R. P. RYER, Second United States Artillery, and such other persons as may be brought before it by authority from these Head-quarters.

Detail for the Court—Brevet Brig.-Gen. Israel Vogdes, Colonel First U. S. Artillery; Brevet Brig.-Gen. Henry D. Wallen, Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. Army, unassigned; Brevet Lieut.-Col. Henry W. Closson, Captain First U. S. Artillery; Brevet Maj. W. M. Maynadier, Captain First U. S. Artillery; Brevet Col. Guy V. Henry, Captain First U. S. Artillery; Capt. E. N. Willcox, U. S. Army, unassigned; Brevet Capt. D. D. Wheeler, First Lieutenant First U. S. Artillery; Brevet Capt. John H. Coster, First Lieutenant U. S. Army, unassigned; First Lieut. Julius Bryant, Ordnance Department.

First Lieut. Asa Bird Gardner, First United States Artillery, is appointed Judge-Advocate.

No other officers than those named can be assembled without manifest injury to the service. Should any of the officers named in this order not be present, the Court will nevertheless proceed to and continue the business before it; provided the number present be not less than the minimum prescribed by law. By command of

Brevet Major-Gen. MCDOWELL.
ROBERT C. PENN, Acting Assistant Adjutant-Gen.

Since the above was issued the name of Lieut. ROBINSON, of the First United States Artillery, has been handed in by the Judge Advocate to be also tried by the Court.

DEPARTURE OF RECRUITS.

Upward of two hundred recruits will leave this City next week for Fort Leavenworth. The average transfer to the towns on the borders of the Plains is a little over two hundred men weekly.

The New Grand Jury.

The following gentlemen were impaneled as Grand Jurors yesterday, to serve during the March term of the Court of General Sessions: Henry S. Terbell, No. 27 Walker-street, Foreman; Nathan Adler, No. 270 East Broadway; William Banks, No. 49 Chambers-street; Hiram J. Collins, No. 32 Bank-street; Sidney F. H. Coddington, No. 61 Beaver-street; William Clarkson, No. 84 Wall-street; Charles Perrors, No. 29 Beaver-street; John U. Fischer, No. 438 West Twenty-eighth-street; Theodore Goetze, No. 116 Second-street; Mathias Goetzel, No. 446 West Fourteenth-street; Peter Lodewick, No. 40 Crosby-street; Abraham Lent, No. 723 Broadway; De Grasse Livingston, New-York Hotel; William B. Northrup, No. 8 East Fortieth-street; Robert Steuer, No. 42 South-street; William Wood, No. 48 Bowery; Morris Cohn, No. 128 West Twenty-third-street; Dinsdale, No. 128 Third-avenue; David H. Jones, No. 37 Beaver-street; Bryan McIntire, No. 674 Broadway; Henry Rider, No. 16 Beekman-street; Wm. Stout, No. 128 Henry-street; W. M. Tileston, No. 428 Canal-street.

FULLERTON'S TRIAL.

United States Commissioner Osborn Examined for the Prosecution—How He was Induced to Issue the Warrant for the Smith's Arrest.

The trial of ex-Judge WM. FULLERTON for conspiracy to defraud the Government was resumed at the adjournment of the United States Circuit Court, yesterday morning, before Judge BLATCHFORD and WOODRUFF. As on the previous day, the Court room was crowded by a large number of professional gentlemen and as many of the general public as were enabled to obtain accommodation within the limits of the Court room, and a good deal of interest was evinced in the case.

At the opening of the proceedings Judge WOODRUFF stated that he and Judge BLATCHFORD had received that the examination of witnesses and the discussion of interlocutory questions should be left to one gentleman on each side; otherwise the case would extend over an unreasonable period.

United States Commissioner JOHN A. OSBORN was the first witness called. In reply to Mr. PIERREPONT he said: I hold the office of United States Commissioner for the Southern District of New-York, and have held that position since the 19th June, 1861. I know Major BELKNAP; I took an affidavit in my office made by him. Counsel here handed in, as evidence, a certified copy of Major BELKNAP's appointment as Special Agent of the Treasury Department, bearing date 16th June, 1862.

Mr. SEWARD objected on the ground of its being immaterial and irrelevant, and not tending to support any of the counts of the indictment. He contended that there was no statute on record empowering the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a Special Agent of the Treasury Department with the authority commanded by Major BELKNAP. On the contrary, it was distinctly stated that his authority was confined within the scope of the duties appertaining to his own immediate office.

Judge PIERREPONT maintained the legality of the evidence, and quoted the ninth section of the Fourteenth Statute, page 131, passed in July, 1865, amending the act of June 30, 1864, which provided "a penalty for demanding or receiving compensation other than such sanctioned by law."

Mr. STOUGHTON—Under which count is this evidence applicable?

Mr. PIERREPONT—To the several counts in the indictment with the exception of the third.

Mr. STOUGHTON—If this Commission clothed him with the power to do those things, as a matter of course this entire indictment is disposed of, because it is essential that BELKNAP should have official capacity to do these things, and unless he was invested with that power no one could conspire with him.

Mr. SEWARD, at considerable length, entered into a defense of his objection, on the ground that it specified the office to which the appointment had been made, and that the law, not money, had grant or attention, prescribed the duties of this office, without being subject to judicial explanation. The law authorized the Secretary of the Treasury Department to appoint special agents, but when appointed, it prescribed their duties, and with such precision that it was impossible for the Court to say that some other duties were contemplated than those provided for by the law. He quoted section eleven of the United States Statute-book, Aug. 6, 1846, and other authorities, and contended that no amount of construction could expand this Commissioner so as to empower him to entertain this complaint against Mr. SMITH.

The court held that under section four of the act of June, 1864, the Secretary of the Treasury was expressly authorized to appoint ten or more special agents, "to aid in the prevention, detection of and punishment of frauds on the internal revenue, and make enforcement of the provisions thereof; and, therefore, the evidence had been in was admissible.

Judge PIERREPONT also handed in Major BELKNAP's oath of office, sworn before Commissioner OSBORN.

Mr. SEWARD objected on the ground that Mr. OSBORN had no power to administer such an oath, which was vested only in a Judge of this Court, therefore Major BELKNAP was not an agent of the Treasury Department, and was not entitled to discharge the duties appertaining to that office. The fourth section of the act of June, 1862, determined that "all officers appointed to authority under the United States shall, before they can enter their respective offices, take the oath of office, which shall be administered by a person or persons authorized by law to administer to such officers their respective oaths of office." Unless Mr. OSBORN was authorized by law to administer the oath of office, the oath taken before him was not an oath of office. Counsel read a number of authorities to prove Mr. OSBORN had not the power to administer this oath of office to BELKNAP, and asked the Court to decide with him that the oath thus administered was not legal, consequently the acts of Major BELKNAP in relation to the enforcement and punishment of persons for a violation of the Revenue laws was not sanctioned by law.

Mr. PIERREPONT contended that BELKNAP was not a properly appointed officer under the provisions of the act, which declared that the acceptance of the oath was all that was required of him to enable him to enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office. It did not appointany authority before whom the oath was to be taken, and would be an absurdity to suppose that while Major BELKNAP was responsible for any dereliction of duty, said was in receipt of the salaries and emoluments of the office, he was not a legularly appointed officer, and did not in reality hold the position of Special Agent of the Treasury Department.

The Court concluded to receive the evidence for the present, but did not intend to foreclose the consideration of the question during the progress of the trial. It was the opinion of the Court that a regularly appointed person should be recognized for the administration of such oaths, and though Commissioner OSBORN was not empowered with that authority, yet when a person received the oath at his hands and entered upon the duties of the office, he was responsible to a charge of perjury in the event of his violating the provisions of the law he had sworn to protect.

The papers were then handed to Commissioner OSBORN's examination continued: In addition to my position as Commissioner I also held the position of Deputy Clerk of the United States Court; I have had a great deal of business to dispose of in each department; when an application was made for arrest I followed the practice established in this district, which was that the majority of the complaints were sent to the District Attorney's office, where a complaint and warrant were prepared; it was then returned to me, and executed by the Marshal; an examination followed, and the prisoner was generally sent before the Grand Jury; the bail bonds, when the party was bailed, were invariably filed in the records of the Court. (Counsel read the affidavit of one of the defendants, JACOB DUPUY, dated 11th June, 1862, and sworn to on that day. It set forth that deponent had come into possession of facts which showed that he had been in receipt of a weekly salary of $25 for connivance at a violation of the Revenue law; and that himself had been offered $20 a week for a similar purpose; that affidavit was signed when brought to me, and I caused the names to be erased, and had it signed in my presence; it was brought to me on the 11th or June, the same day that it was administered to the oath of office to Mr. BELKNAP; I did not prepare the warrant until the morning of the 13th; some days previously, about the 7th or 8th of June, I was sent for to go to Mr. FULLERTON's office, No. 11 Pine-street, and was introduced to Mr. BELKNAP as Special Agent of the Treasury Department; Mr. FULLERTON said he had been employed by Mr. BELKNAP, and he wished to consult me in reference to my powers as Commissioner; he asked whether I could issue warrants without the knowledge of the District Attorney; I replied I always claimed the right to do so, but as a matter of courtesy and convenience generally informed him of the fact; he then asked me if any body could serve my warrants besides the United States Marshal; I said the Marshal was the officer to execute the Commissioner's warrants, unless it was made known to me by the complainant that he was implicated or interested in doing so, and then I could deputize a party to execute it. The question then came up as to my authority to issue warrants upon affidavits sworn to by the internal revenue officer, and I replied I should refuse to issue a warrant sworn to before any body but a Judge of the United States Court, or United States Commissioner; he then informed me that it was well known in Washington that there were many violations of the Revenue law in the City of New-York, and the officers of the Government were delinquent in the discharge of their duties; that the then District Attorney was very lukewarm in the discharge of his duty, and the Secretary of the Treasury had no confidence in him; and that he had specially authorized Mr. BELKNAP to institute proceedings against them; and he was appointed his counsel; I said I would issue the warrants he demanded, and he then desired me to keep it secret, as many of the officers and distillers would have the City of it because they knew of it; he asked me if I had any objection to go to his office to sign the warrants, and I consented; BELKNAP asked me if I could deputize somebody to execute the warrant as MURRAY was as bad as the rest, but I stated I would not allow it to be served by any body except the Marshal; I agreed not to inform the District Attorney of the transaction, being satisfied that all was right; I think I went to his office once or twice afterward; a few days after this interview I was sent for to go to Mr. BELKNAP's office, No. 71 Broadway, where I saw Mr. BELKNAP and a few other persons I did not recollect; I signed an affidavit there; the affidavit of DUPUY I obtained from the 11th to the 13th; on the morning of the 13th Mr. FULLERTON came to my office and ascertained that I had the warrant completed; he took it away with him, promising to return it; I said it should be given into the hands of the Marshal, and he said, "All right;" the next thing I ascertained about the matter was from Mr. FULLERTON, counsellor at law, who came to me and said that Mr. THOMAS A. SMITH, a client of his, had been arrested, and he wished to see the warrant; I handed him the affidavit and he read it; we then decided that Mr. SMITH was to be admitted to bail, and fixed the sum at $5,000; while we were speaking, Mr. FULLERTON came in and spoke to Mr. DYER; I don't remember whether he said he represented any one, but they left after about twenty minutes; it was about six o'clock when I went home that evening, and half an hour subsequently Mr. FULLERTON visited me and said he thought Mr. SMITH should be admitted to bail, and that the surety, JAMES C. GULICK, was a responsible party; I prepared the bail bonds; Mr. FULLERTON said SMITH would be a valuable ally to the Government if he could only "squeeze;" and he thought he would, as he wanted to make use of him in these proceedings; at his instigation I reduced the amount of bail to two thousand dollars; just then D. C. BIDDLE and two other parties, who were introduced to me as THOMAS A. SMITH and JAMES C. GULICK, arrived in a carriage; BIDDLE said he was counsel for SMITH, and they signed the bond which was executed; I administered the oath to Mr. GULICK, but did not question him about his responsibility, taking the word of Mr. FULLERTON for it; I asked BIDDLE what day he would fix for the examination, and he replied he would waive the examination for the present; I then said I would file the bond, and they left Mr. FULLERTON walking off and the remainder drive away in the carriage.

At this stage of Mr. OSBORN's evidence the Court adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

GOLD 110 7-8.

A Fall of One and Five-eighths per Cent. Yesterday—Exciting Scenes in the Gold Room—The Battle of the "Bulls" and "Bears"—Specie Payments Assured.

Yesterday the transactions in the Gold Exchange were quite heavy, the interest manifested was intense, and from morning till night the room was filled with operators anxious to speculate while speculation was possible. Gold touched a lower point yesterday than at any time since the early part of July, 1869, and there seems to be no strenuous effort made on the part of brokers to arrest its downward course.

The spectator's gallery of the Exchange was well represented, for there seems to be a fascination among the public to see gold go down. The intelligence of the decline in the precious metal is everywhere received with satisfaction, and every fall in the premium is regarded as one more step toward the complete resumption of specie payments. Those who are interested in the course of gold, and cannot wait for the newspapers, gather around the gold indicators down town, examine the "tape," as it is reeled off from the instrument, and retire with unconcealed satisfaction as they note the downward plunge which gold is taking. Those who have the leisure to do so gather in the gallery of the Gold Exchange, and looking down upon the scene, endeavor to interpret the jargon of the operators, but would be at a loss to know whether gold was going up or down, were it not for the ever-changing figures on the indicators in the room, which obey the impulse given them by Registrar MEMERRAU at the instrument. The spectators see the throng, and hear the noise—the confusion of tongues—but they cannot, unless they are experts, tell how the market is going, though the transactions take place beneath their noses.

The ring around the fountain was packed yesterday, and among the throng were some very heavy operators. A few went in with the avowed purpose of buying for a "short" transaction, but soon changed their minds. Others promenaded about the room holding whispered consultations as they met friends, and exhibiting privately slips of memorandum paper, which, had they been valuable intelligence, would soon be seen in the ring working like beavers at the gold market, while their friends would apparently assist in the movement. Rumors flew think and fast yesterday, respecting the course of Congress on the Currency bill and other financial measures of the Government. One rumor was to the effect that the Secretary of the Treasury would accept all bids that were offered for the gold to be sold to-day, and this had its effect upon the premium. Another was that Senator WILLIAMS proposed to sell all the surplus gold of the Government and to receive for Customs half greenbacks and half gold. Indeed, the market was so sensitive that almost anything would have affected it.

REPORTED IMPORTATION OF SPECIE.

It was stated as a fact that gold is being imported in large quantities from Europe, and that the flow of silver from Canada has commenced. This, if true, will be good news to those who hope for an early resumption of specie payments, and, indeed, for the entire community, for if the volume of the precious metals is so large as to render impossible any advance of the premium, trade must settle down into its regular channels. The low rate of exchange had an effect upon the market, yesterday, probably quite as great as anything else.

THE COURSE OF GOLD.

At the opening of the Board the price of gold was 111¾. Between 10 and 11 o'clock it fluctuated between 111¾ and 111⅝. Immediately after the hour of noon the premium declined again, and 12:30 it was 111⅛. Between 1 and 2 o'clock the fluctuations were between 111⅛ and 111¼. Then it took another plunge downward to 110⅞, and then, a time, it rose to 111¼. It now became evident that the "bears" were having an easy time of it, and that the "bull" interest had abandoned the field. The spectators in the gallery were almost ready to cheer, but were apparently waiting for still more cheering results. An offer of $100,000 at 110⅞ was made, but it was not accepted, and as the word "sold" down went the price to that figure. Some "bull" now shouted "I'll give ⅛ for $100,000," and finding his offer not accepted, changed his proposition to ¼. "Sold" was yelled by Masterlan Hugg, and the price fell to 110¾. Then was a lull, interrupted by solitary offers to buy above $50,000 and $100,000 at ¼. The absence of offers above ¼ demonstrated the fact that no one was then disposed to advance the price. Heavy operators trod the platform assigned to the loan market with ears on the alert for any sound approaching an offer to borrow, but the borrowers were few and far between.

EXCITING SCENES.

Those operators who had gone in for a speculation and secured some of the gold that was let out at 111⅞ tried their luck to unload at 111¾ and 111⅝, but shouted themselves hoarse before they found purchasers, and even then were compelled to moderate their demands a fraction. When the price touched 111¼, as it did about 2:30, there was a rush. Bids were now made and offers were in the neighborhood of $50,000 and $100,000. This unloading carried the market down again to ⅛, and then another $100,000 sent it to ⅜ again. This course was pursued until 2:36, when down it went to 111, and then the spectators cheered vociferously. The "bears" were emboldened by applauding, which somewhat enraged the "bulls," who went in strong and put up the price to 111⅜, but it was held there for an instant only, and down it went again to the three single numerals, and then stuck for about two minutes when down it went to 110⅞, and the "bears" rose with an applause from the galleries and the "bears." The former were apparently ready for anything, and were now just in the humor to applaud at every decline of one-eighth. The exasperated "bulls" could not stand this, and, uniting their horns for a grand effort, sent the price up to 111 again. As if satisfied with their puny effort they backed out of the ring, and the excitement lulled for a few moments, while the "bears" gathered breath and "ammunition." This was soon forthcoming, and down went the price again to 110⅞ under the pressure of lots of $100,000.

OPERATING FOR A RISE.

This, however, was the lowest figure reached. The decline had been influenced by various causes, the principal of which was a rumor that the Currency bill had passed. This rumor was contradicted, and the "bulls" gathered in force for another rise. At 2:40 the price was 110⅞. The next moment an advance was made to 111, then to 111⅛ and so on, until at 2:57 the price was 111⅜. Then an advance was made, for fear of disappoval from the gallery. The excitement at this time was intense—the ring being filled with operators, and the lobbies crammed with people, while the tumult was almost deafening. One broker rushed frantically into the ring, and, elbowing his way to the front, insisted, in tones loud enough to be heard above the din, his offer to buy large lots at ¼ to ¼ above the current price. Of course he was taken up, and finding that he was successful he grasped at other large amounts until he had enough to sink any small craft. He was not long in discharging cargo, however, which he was careful to do the moment the price touched ¼ above the figure at which he purchased. At 3¼ o'clock a decline commenced, and gradually the price fell to 111⅜, at which the dis subsided, and comparative peace reigned once more. The price rested for a few moments, and then went down to ¼, but was immediately "bulled" to ⅜. The next instant it fell again to ¼, and nearly had that figure been recorded, when up it went again to ⅜. In this way the price fluctuated between ¼ and ⅜ until late in the afternoon, when the operators abandoned the field, and retired to their offices to reduce to intelligible shape the rude memorandums they had made during the day, calculate their gains or losses, and then go home "to sleep, perchance to dream" of the battle they must fight on the morrow.

THE BUSINESS.

The clearances at the Gold Exchange Bank, as reported yesterday, were $13,375,000—within about two millions of the transactions of the day before. The business yesterday, judging from the large lots thrown out during the day, must have been very great.

EFFECT OF THE DECLINE.

The effect of this downward plunge in gold is not regarded with any sentiments of alarm, so far as it will be felt, it will be felt favorably. The importations will have to be made, and exported at the same time, and are therefore purchased at as much now as they ever will be. Prices of imported goods have been marked down in advance of the decline in gold, and those articles which are sold on a gold basis, such as goods in bond, &c., will, of course, not be affected. As soon as gold goes a few points lower specie payments can be resumed, and then the public must lend a hand to prevent the premium from ever rising again. It is reported that on Monday several specie brokers in Wall-street, dispatched to their correspondents in Canada, ordering large quantities of small silver coin to be purchased and shipped to this City. Yesterday one broker took as coin for half a million dollars in small coin, which he agreed to deliver in three days. Others are hunting the country advised by the TIMES on Saturday, and are making arrangements for the importation of large sums of silver from Canada. It is very probable that in a very few days this City will have all the coin that will be required by banks who are desirous of effecting a resumption of specie payments. Then, with the aid which the Government is certain to give, the downward course of gold can be continued until it reaches a point from which any considerable advance will be impossible.

HON. WM. H. SEWARD.

He Receives a Committee of the Chamber of Commerce—Address of Hon. Wm. E. Dodge and Mr. Seward's Reply.

Agreeably to appointment, and in accordance with the action of the Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting, a Committee from that body waited on Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, at Parlor No. 41 Astor House, at 1:45 P. M. yesterday, and tendered him the congratulations of the Chamber upon his safe return, in renewed health, to the land he has done so much to honor, and to the State of his nativity. The venerable statesman seemed to be in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits. The following gentlemen composed the Committee who waited on him: Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, President, and Geo. Wilson, Secretary of the Chamber, and Messrs. George Opdyke, S. B. Chittenden, A. A. Low, Gen. P. M. Wetmore, Col. Frederick A. Conkling, Elliot C. Cowdin, Charles H. Russell, Geo. W. Dow and Wm. M. Vermilye. After they had been severally introduced to Mr. SEWARD, Hon. WM. E. DODGE, on behalf of the Chamber, addressed the ex-Secretary substantially as follows:

ADDRESS OF HON. WILLIAM E. DODGE.

They had called, he said, as the representatives of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, to congratulate one who had honored the country by so long a period of service in high and responsible position, on his safe return, with reinvigorated health, to the land of his birth and of his affections. They could hardly hint that their pleasure was great at finding him even better, physically, now than when he left here for relaxation and travel abroad. They who now had the honor to address him were the representative men of commerce, and they felt assured that though not connected with them by ties of business or by mutual commercial interest, his visit among other nationalities could not fail to aid in reestablishing the commerce of their common country. He knew how the commercial interests had suffered by reason of the struggle through which they had passed, and how they had been willing even to bring privation upon themselves in order that the existence of the nation might be assured. American commerce had, indeed, suffered materially by the late war. It had almost been driven—in fact it had been driven—from the high and proud position it once occupied on the ocean, and was now exhibiting but a remnant of its former self. The commercial men of the country now feel that commerce deserves from the Government relief. They are looking forward to a reduction of the taxes that have borne upon it so heavily; they look forward to the time when we shall again have vessels sailing under our own flag, and not suffer longer the mortification of being obliged to look to the emblem of another nationality whenever we cross the ocean. They felt that they had his (Mr. SEWARD's) sympathies with them in all honest efforts to restore the commerce of the nation; and they were heartily glad to see him once more among them, stronger and better in health, apparently, than even before he left, to travel in distant lands; and they had gained much by the fact that his influence and presence abroad could but inure to the general advantage of the nation and to the interests of American commerce in particular. He had the honor to present to him a series of resolutions adopted by the Chamber, expressive of the high esteem which, in common with their country men, the members of that organization held him whom this Committee had now the honor of addressing.

Mr. DODGE then handed to Mr. SEWARD an engrossed copy of the resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Chamber.

MR. SEWARD'S RESPONSE.

Mr. SEWARD received the document, and addressed the Committee as follows:

This visit, gentlemen, from so respectable and representative a body as the Chamber of Commerce, is decidedly appreciated by me. I think the records of your society have abundant memorials of my implicit faith in your patriotism and intelligence—a faith that is now more ardent now, in time of peace, than it was when war shook the nation. It is pleasant for me to know that you still cherish toward me the same kindly feelings that you manifested when my official position brought me into more intimate and frequent intercourse with you. Gentlemen, I sincerely sympathize with you in lamenting the depression in which we find our foreign commerce to-day, and I ardently hope and confidently believe that the present condition of things, considered in this connection, is not to be attributed greatly to the fault, if it not, perhaps, a crime, nor is it the occasion to go into any lengthy detail on this subject. But if you remember that peace built up and sustained the commerce of our nation, that only peace made it what it was, and that it declined only because of the war and by reason of the restrictions which it was found meet upon it—may not it be feared that ultimately, as before the war, we shall not again attain the proud position which the energy and enterprise of our national character, stimulated by peace, will surely bring to our commercial marine, believe me, gentlemen, that the continuance of government under a renewed or new form of government may hinder a return of our once proud commercial relations. There is one cause to which may be attributed, in great part, at least, the condition of our commerce to-day—I mean this: That labor and capital have been withdrawn from ship-building to our interior commerce and this period is partly due to the late war. Incidentally, too, I may say, that no progress made in our interior commerce will fail to have an effect for good on our ocean trade. When we can construct four thousand miles of railroad in one year, as we have shown our capacity to do, there can be no doubt that the energy, that, ultimately, the same energy and determination will fail to put our ocean commerce again on a proper basis. Gentlemen, the shipyard of the world lies on our Pacific coast. There we have the timber and other material resources necessary to the carrying on of that business, if the time should come for the enterprise of our people to take hold of them and wield them as our agents in building up again our ocean commerce. Enough of these we had already in process of development to increase our commercial marine to any desired extent; but, besides, we have now an undeveloped track opening to the North Pole, and filled with the same material. Wherever I have traveled, gentlemen, I have found that the commerce of the country in the past, as well as the glory and permanence of our institutions in the present, have made the strongest impression upon the mind of the European. Everywhere all look to the United States for help, for capital and for labor. It is not, indeed, too much to say that every railroad that is being built leads to New-York, and is contributing to build up to still greater height, and to increase still more widely, the already overshadowing influence of your great commercial Metropolis. There is now a road being constructed to run from San Francisco to Puget Sound; one has already been opened from Lake Superior to Puget Sound; roads are being extended in Mexico in all directions, and this in spite of the unfortunate civil wars that have for fifty years retarded the progress of that country. All these enterprises, gentlemen, must, to a greater or less extent help to add to the glory of New-York, your own proud City—that City so renowned in the commerce of the world. Although commerce, gentlemen, is not civilization, it is inseparably connected with it; and where commerce languishes, there civilization eventually does not flourish. I advance.

Mr. SEWARD then shook hands with the Committee separately, and they soon after bade him adieu.

New-York Eastern Dispensary—Annual Report.

The annual report of the Trustees of the Eastern Dispensary of the City of New-York for its thirty-sixth year (1869) has just been published. From it it appears that the number of patients treated was 36,844, while in 1868 the number was 27,022—a gratifying decrease. But the report declares that the marked decrease for 1869 admits of the assignment of special causes which have existed, and are plainly recognizable, but considering the totals of general patients alone, taking the nine years together from 1860 to 1868, the average increase has been 314. Hence, there has been no steady decrease. The purpose of this Dispensary, which is one of our City's medical charities, is to supply medical and the more approved medical and surgical services gratuitously to the sick and destitute poor within that section of the City which is bounded by Pike and Allen streets, First-avenue, Fourteenth-street and the East River from Fourteenth-street to Divisionstreet, the place of residence of the women calling herself Mrs. Hammer, but that the clerk who sold the goods had completed their employment only a short time before. He denied emphatically that in the Statter-house either he or Mr. STREET offered to release Mrs. BISHOP if she would pay the bill. He also contradicted her testimony in several other material points.

A number of dry goods merchants testified to having sold Mrs. BISHOP dry goods, which were not delivered in consequence of Mr. HUNTER's refusing to pay the amount of the bills; had added, in response to a question of counsel, that they did not regard her as having stolen the goods thus purchased by her. The testimony has been closed, and counsel will sum up to-day.

THE ALEXANDER MYSTERY.

Continuation of the Coroner's Investigation—No Trace of Poison—The Case Again Adjourned.

The investigation in the case of Capt. JOHN ALEXANDER, who was supposed to have been poisoned by IRA C. GARDNER and his wife Eunice, was in effect, concluded yesterday by Coroner FLYNN. When the case was opened, Assistant District-Attorney BLUNT appeared on behalf of the People, and the defendants were represented by counsel. Dr. SHINN read the affidavits already published, in which Mrs. VIRGINIA C. BURTIS, the daughter of deceased, stated her suspicion of foul play on account of the suddenness of her father's death on March 20, 1869, and of the singular conduct of the accused, who, she believed, had poisoned him. The affidavits of HENRY LEEDS, JAMES H. WINCHESTER, WM. H. DUNTON and others were also read, showing that the deceased had nearly $40,000 worth of bonds in his possession, and frequently spoke of leaving them to his daughter VIRGINIA at his death, and that the GARDNERS had stated that they only found $8,000 worth of bonds on the body, and that he had given it all to them; and the GARDNERS had administered upon the estate without notifying the Surrogate, and had buried the remains in a clandestine manner. The medical certificate stated that death had resulted from softening of the brain, which had been going on for three months. The GARDNERS had evinced a decided change for the better in their circumstances after Alexander's death, and made extensive purchases, showing that they had obtained sudden possession of a large sum of money about that time.

Prof. R. OGDEN DOREMUS then read his report of the chemical analysis of those portions of the body committed to his custody, consisting of the stomach, the large and small intestines, the liver, kidneys, bladder, heart and lungs. The stomach was found to be empty, and when thoroughly washed with distilled water, its inner surface was found pale stained over the pyloric half of the organ, the remainder appearing of a grayish or pepper color. There were no indications of inflammation or ulceration, nor were there any perforations; the mucous coat was easily removed with the finger nail; the small intestines were empty, and presented no signs of inflammation or ulceration; the whole length of the intestines was lined with hardened deposits; the surface felt like sand paper; the large intestines were empty and gave no indication of the action of any irritant; they were of darker color, and covered with the same gritty particles, which were found to be calcareous. The liver and kidneys were in a healthy condition; the bladder was well preserved, and the heart presented a normal appearance. The lungs presented no indications of disease. The right lung was collapsed, and the left showed pleuritic adhesions, and in both were found small hardened deposits. The washings of the stomach and intestines were separately and carefully submitted to chemical analysis for volatile and organic poisons. As may be anticipated from the length of time elapsing since death, no traces of the first class were discovered, neither were there any found of morphine, strychnine and the like. The tissues of the stomach and intestines were dissolved without definite results. Portions of the liver, kidneys and the muscular tissue were dissolved and examined for poisons, but none were found. The Professor therefore testified that, with the employment of the best science the skill and knowledge of which he is possessed, he had discovered no chemical evidence of poisons in the deceased.

Dr. SHINN inquired if any trace of morphia would have been found in analysis had the death of deceased been produced by that means. He was answered in the negative. On further questions the Professor stated that morphia usually produced constipation, and Coroner FLYNN inquired if poison did not always produce inflammation, when Prof. DOREMUS said it was not the case with narcotic poisons. In answer to another question of counsel, the Professor stated that as morphia produced constipation of the bowels, he would infer from the empty condition of the intestines of deceased that no such poison had been used.

Counsel then remarked that the testimony submitted to the jury was of an improper character, as none of the witnesses were present, and they had in great part given hearsay evidence. Mr. BLUNT admitted the right of the accused to be confronted by the witnesses, as had not been done in the case. The Coroner proposed another adjournment in order that they might be summoned, when the defendants' counsel said he did not wish any postponement. Coroner FLYNN then remarked that he would adjourn the case until Saturday next in justice to himself. The writ of *habeas corpus* will come up to-day for final decision, when the accused will no doubt be discharged.

When Prof. DOREMUS announced that he had made a careful examination of the remains, Mrs. GARDNER's intense emotions found relief in a flood of tears. Her husband, who is a confirmed invalid from paralysis, was also visibly moved at the result.

Fortunate Lottery Dealers.

The three lottery and policy dealers who were arrested a short time ago on a charge of doing business without a license, as already reported in the TIMES, have made a settlement with the Government, by which means they will escape criminal prosecution. The names of the parties are ROBERT SPENCER, JOHN MCGARROW and WILLIAM H. SMITH. They were each discharged by Commissioner SHIELDS yesterday on payment of costs and penalties.

The General Sessions.

Judge BEMPORAD heard very few cases yesterday in the Court of General Sessions. He suspended sentence on JAMES SMITH, who pleaded guilty to having stolen a watch from GEO. JANE, residing in Harlem. Wm. BROWN, accused of having broken into the cigar manufactory of JOHN BENSON, at No. 321 Pearl-street, was discharged, as the account of the complaint against him by MARY MAHER was tried and acquitted, on a charge of indecent assault, brought against him by MARY GRIFFITHS. The Court then adjourned until to day.

LAW REPORTS.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Michael Lynch et al. vs. G. A. De Bemal et al.—In error to the Supreme Court of California.—This cause was before the Court at the last term on a motion to dismiss for want of jurisdiction, and is now heard on the merits.

The action was originally instituted in the District Court for the City of San Francisco, by the defendants here, to recover the possession of a tract of land situated within the corporate limits of that city. They there asserted title to the property under a final decree of the District Court of the United States, of Monterey, confirmed to them in the year 1866, and now the Mission Dolores, in the city, by virtue of an alleged title derived from the Mexican Government and upon a final survey of the claim locating it upon the ground in question, claim exclusively upon the same land, confirmation and survey. The defendants (plaintiffs here) claimed to be in actual possession of the premises, by inclosure and cultivation, prior to January, 1846, and that they had continued to occupy the premises under an ordinance of the city passed in June, 1855, and notified by the Legislature in March, 1858, relinquishing and granting to the City of San Francisco, "all the right, claim or title that the State of California, by virtue of its sovereignty, then, during or at questioning the plaintiffs title to the land in controversy; and that they were also entitled by the proceedings in the Federal Courts from which the dec

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SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—PART 2—MARCH 8.

Before Chief Justice Sutherland and a Jury.

A BROKEN BEECHER AND A BROKEN HEAD—LIGHTS ON THE ROAD.

Bernard Lowe vs. Charles Doherty.—The plaintiff was driving in a light wagon on the County Island road, one evening, behind him, and, as alleged, through carelessness and reckless driving, ran against the wheel of the plaintiff's wagon, upsetting him, his wife and child. For this the plaintiff sues for $5,000 damages. Defendant sets up as a defense that the horse he was driving was a "long stepper," so that he was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident, the harness, so long a stepper was his horse that he had to pull the horse back, which prevented the whiffletree to fall to his heels. This caused the horse to trip him and avoid, as defendant supposed, the loss of his wagon, and he was on the "broad shoulder" of the road. In doing this the horse's shoulder struck the plaintiff's wagon and caused the accident complained of.

The Court then said the circumstances made out were in the allegation of careless or reckless driving, and on the motion of defendant's counsel dismissed the complaint.

Gowling, Hoadly & Co. for plaintiff; Jenkins & Moore for defendant.

MARINE COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 8.

Before Judge Curtis.

AN ACTION FOR LAWYERS FEES—HOW SOME ADVENTURERS ARE TAKEN IN.

Alexander Fisk et al. vs. Henry C. Vinson et al.—This action was brought to recover the sum of $[illegible] alleged to have been overcharged by the defendants, constituting the law firm of Vinson, Reed & Freeland. The case came before the Court on a motion made by plaintiffs' counsel to open a default and judgment taken before Joseph Rock, Esq., referee, by the defendants. From the affidavits it appears that Messrs. Fink & Sons employed the defendants as their lawyers to recover a debt of about $1,600; an attachment was obtained by them against the property of the debtors, who were non-residents, and a few days after the same claim was collected by the parties without the further intervention of the lawyers, for $1,000. The defendants then sent upon us a bill for $419 38, which they charged to Fink & Sons. The latter protested at this bill as exorbitant, but defendants answered that in accordance with the bill of costs they had taken from the plaintiffs were legally bound to pay. The bill was paid, and then this suit was brought to recover the overcharge, alleged to be $117 38.

Messrs. Fink & Sons, by Mr. G. F. Langbein, for the plaintiffs, was very severe upon the defendants, who he said, were disgracing the legal profession by issuing circulars and cards with such fulsome boast of their fortunate call a lawyer was exhibited to the Court. With this, continued said, the defendants went about the City of New-York, "the embodiment of shrewdness, the Cicero of eloquence, the Solomon of wisdom." Judge CURTIS, upon making an examination of these documents, said he was astonished that such gentlemen were very unprofessional, and ought not to be recognized as members of the bar. Such conduct was a reproach to the profession; injured lawyers in general, and was a public nuisance. Cases of what should be a high and honorable profession.

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CITY COURT—BROOKLYN.

Mitt Clary vs. Nathan Lyons et al.—This was an action for damages for false imprisonment by the plaintiff on account of the alleged malicious act of the defendants. From the complaint it appears that the defendants was the owner of certain lots of land on the northerly side of Concordia, between Henry street and Hamilton-avenue. The lots are about two feet below the level of the street, and it is alleged that in consequence of excavations the pavement settled and was in a dangerous condition, and this became a public nuisance and that one evening, in consequence of the defendants' neglect, the plaintiff was injured by reason the fall occasioned damage, for which the plaintiff claimed $5,000 damages. The defendants set up a plea of the general issue, and denied the allegations of the complaint. The defendants claimed that they had no right to issue such circulars and cards. Judge Curtis, in a long and elaborate decision, said the defendants had no right to issue such circulars and cards, and that the plaintiffs were legally bound to pay. The bill was paid, and then this suit was brought to recover the overcharge, alleged to be $117 38.

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SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Judge Ingraham.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE SUIT DURING THE PERIOD OF ARBITRATION.

Richard Bainbridge vs. Livermore, Clews & Co.—This was a motion for a stay of proceedings until the determination of another action between the same parties. Livermore, Clews & Co. made some sales of stocks and gold for Bainbridge, and brought suit for the balance due on such sales. Bainbridge averred in his answer that the sales were unlawful, and the contracts entered into in Chicago, and before persons who were not being duly sworn. Afterward Bainbridge brought this suit, claiming damages for such sales. The case had not been moved for several years, but was put on the calendar last January. The defendants claimed on the motion that the claim of Bainbridge's had been withdrawn from the consideration of the referee. The other side insisted that the matter of the action was not such that could be the subject of a reference, and cited the case of Adams vs. Adams, which was decided by the Court of Appeals. That Court in Hale vs. Hale, 18 Wend., 274, and Marsh vs. Marsh, 25 Wend., 677, and Ward vs. Ward, 2 Barb. Ch., 351. That the matter in dispute in this case was not such as could be referred to the referee, because the claim from Clerkson Pinckney, that it was more or less dispute the amount of the claim, the validity of a mortgage, a satisfaction, and the original has no such limitation. Thereupon, on the ground that such matters of account and defense had provided for years in the Districts of New-York, Hunterdon, Sussex, Bergen, Essex, Morris, Somerset, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Cape May, Atlantic, Warren, Sussex, Morris, Essex, Bergen, Hunterdon, Somerset

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WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway and 13th-st.
LOST AT SEA. Leading characters by Mr. J. W. Wallack, Mr. Chas. Fisher, Miss Gordon, Miss Hinchcliffe, &c.

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Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
HAMLET. Leading characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Cavendish, Maginly, and Miss Blanche Bradshaw, Miss Howitt, Mrs. Wright and Miss Queen. MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
8th-av., corner 23d-st.
TWELVE TEMPTATIONS. Leading characters by Mr. George C. Boniface, Miss Nully Pierce and Miss Fanny Pastor.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near 5th-av.
FROU FROU. Leading characters by Messrs. Geo. Clarke, Davidge, Lewis, and Miss Agnes Ethel, Miss Fanny Davenport, and Mrs. Gilbert. MATINEE at 1 o'clock.

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Broadway, near Houston-st.
INNISFALLEN. Leading Characters by Messrs. Williams, Thorne, Stanley and Mrs. Williams.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The London *Times* denounces the Captain of the *Bombay* for proceeding after the collision with the *Oneida*, without ascertaining the injury sustained by the latter. The account of the disaster given by the Captain of the *Bombay* has been communicated to the State Department by Mr. MOTLEY....The Dublin *Irish Times* says the operation of the writ of habeas *corpus* will soon be suspended in Ireland....In the House of Commons the debate on the Irish Land bill was resumed, but no action was reached.... Lord PENZANCE, in the Divorce Court, has consented to hear, in full bench, arguments on the right of Sir CHARLES MORDAUNT to proceed with the case for divorce, notwithstanding Lady MORDAUNT's insanity....Mr. ADDINGTON, once English Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, is dead....Sailing vessels arriving in England report heavy easterly gales and vast fields of ice floating southward.....M. OLLIVIER made a speech at a banquet in Paris on Monday night, in which he asked advice of all parties for the Ministry, and not to keep aloof because errors had been made. The Ministry would yet succeed notwithstanding the difficulties and accidents they might encounter.... Eight hundred conscripts marched yesterday to the *Marseillaise* office, sang the "Marseillaise," and quietly dispersed without interference from the Police. That journal yesterday contained violent letters from ROCHEFORT and other prisoners. A meeting of the "friends of order" was held in Paris on Monday evening, at which the recent rioting was denounced....The Pope has distributed to the members of the Council a *schema* proposing a dogmatical definition of the infallibility, giving the Fathers until the 17th inst. to send in suggestions on the subject, and in consequence, it is said, France has demanded that her representative should be present at the Council....No change has taken place in the Spanish Cabinet.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. CONKLING presented the resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of this City in favor of a harbor of refuge at Block Island, and also those of the same body in opposition to Government telegraphing. Among the bills introduced was one for the redemption of legal tenders by providing that one-half of the payments on duties or imports may be made in these notes; and another to promote the civilization of Indians, and to prepare them for the rights of citizenship. Of the resolutions offered, was one by Mr. FOWLER directing the Secretary of the Treasury, as currency and gold are rapidly approximating in value, to sell the surplus gold in the Treasury without delay, so as to realize the premium now thereon. The resolution was laid over. A bill was reported to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern frontier of the country; and another making it a misdemeanor to fit out or equip ships of war for use by a European Power in subduing American colonists claiming independence. The House bill for a special committee on Indian affairs in general was taken up and discussed at some length, but was finally laid aside without action, and the consideration of the Funding bill resumed. The question was on Mr. CONKLING's amendment to strike out the fifth section making the interest on bonds payable in London, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam and Frankfort. Mr. SHERMAN made the principal speech of the day. No vote was taken, and at 3:20 P. M. the Senate went into Executive Session, and subsequently adjourned.

In the House, attention was called to the presence of numerous railway and other lobbyists on the floor, and a more stringent enforcement of the rule regarding the privilege of the floor was ordered. A bill to prevent the further disposal of public lands in Dakota was amended so as to apply to all public lands, but then was rejected by a vote of 76 to 80. The Georgia bill was finally after more debate, passed, but much altered, as Mr. BINGHAM's amendment, providing that nothing in this bill shall affect the present office holders in the State, and that the election of Senators and Representatives in 1870 be held on the day named in the Constitution, or on such other day as the present Legislature may designate, was adopted by a vote of 114 to 71. A joint resolution was reported by Mr. LAFLIN from the Committee on Printing to discontinue the publication of engravings, &c., in the annual Patent Report, but not acted upon. A resolution authorizing the President to furnish a steamer and tender for Capt. HALL's proposed Arctic expedition, and appropriating therefor $100,000, was offered and referred. The House, at 4:30 P. M., adjourned.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, a Bill was reported to charter the National Homœopathic University, of New-York. Among the bills introduced was one concerning passengers arriving at the port of New-York, and one to charter the United States Mutual Benefit Company of New-York. The bill to enable the Foreign Bible and American Baptist Publication Societies to unite, reached a third reading. A communication was received from the Governor relating to a general bill for the incorporation of villages. The Senate adjourned.

In the Assembly, the Senate bill to abolish the Contracting Board and the contracting system on the canals was taken up as a special order and, after a long debate, was ordered to a third reading. A communication from the Governor was received, urging the consideration of a general bill for the incorporation of villages and pointing out the evils arising from the existing mode, involving, as it does, the necessity for amendments of the charters as often, in some cases, as once a year. The House took a recess till 7½ P. M. The evening session was devoted to general orders.

GENERAL.

The documents sent to the House of Representatives yesterday regarding the recent massacre of Piegan Indians confirm the figures published some time ago. The Indians were suffering from small-pox, and dying at the rate of six a day. Of the 173 killed by far the greater portion consisted of women and children, and only fifteen were fighting men. The military authorities say they are unable to prevent the encroachments of whites upon the reserved lands of Indians, and the latter complain bitterly of the non-fulfillment of our treaty obligations. The Secretary of the Interior says the condition along the entire border is such that he calls the attention of the President to the imminent danger of general hostilities. The President, in his letter transmitting the papers, expresses the hope that the appropriations necessary to carry out the treaties of 1867 may be made, and that if an Indian war becomes inevitable the Government of the United States should not be responsible.

The Buffalo Board of Trade yesterday, by a vote of 22 to 16, disapproved of the action of the trustees in relation to the charges against Mr. BENNETT, and directed them to call another meeting and inquire into the alleged dishonorable acts.

A bill to incorporate the Detroit River Transit Company, for the purpose of bridging or tunnelling the Detroit River in the interest of the Great Western and Michigan Central Railways, was introduced in the Canadian Parliament yesterday.

The Governor-General of Canada, Sir JOHN YOUNG, it is said, will go in person to the Red River country on the closing of the present session of Parliament.

The Governor of Massachusetts, yesterday, sent to the Legislature the report of the Committee of the Executive Council on the application of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railway for a further issue of State scrip, refusing the Executive consent to any further issue until the matter has been passed on by the Legislature. The report is accompanied by a personal communication from the Governor, in which he paints a gloomy picture of the financial condition of the road.

The Governor of Virginia, in a message to the Legislature, recommends the sale of the State interest in railroads to reduce the State debt, which is $45,873,000; also the funding of all liabilities except the foreign debt.

The German theater and club-house at the corner of Seventh and Cestos streets, Philadelphia, was burned yesterday. The fire was discovered about 6 o'clock in the evening, and before the gathering of the audience.

The returns from New-Hampshire indicate the reflection of Hon. ONSLOW STEARNS for Governor by from 1,000 to 1,500 majority. The Republicans still retain the majority in the Legislature, although it is somewhat reduced.

Capt. TRAUTMANN, of the *Silesia*, from Hamburg, via Havre, Feb. 23, will accept our thanks for late Continental papers.

Fire Marshal BRACKETT has sent in his report for the month of February, to the Commissioners, in which he states that in the City of New-York there were seventy-five fires during the month, four of which were of incendiary origin. The total number of fires the same month last year was seventy-four. The total loss this month was $128,500, on which there was an insurance to the amount of $1,275,000.

Collector BAILEY has made a complaint before Commissioner BLITZ against a wholesale liquor dealer named SAMUEL L. STANLEY, belonging to the firm of H. WEBSTER & Co., of Broad-street, charging him with procuring false returns on a large quantity of whisky at the time of its withdrawal from bond.

Hon. WM. H. SEWARD yesterday received a delegation of members of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, on whose behalf Hon. WM. E. DODGE addressed him. He responded at some length.

The San Domingo Treaty.

Unless some substantial reason for delay exists, the Senate ought to promptly take up and act upon the San Domingo treaty. It is now clear that the Dominican Government has done all in its power to consummate the bargain. It must be owned, also, that the vote lately taken in the island on the question of annexation, was taken after an elaborate canvass of the whole question, public addresses on the subject being everywhere delivered, and the election being fair and full. So much we learn from our correspondent in the West Indies, in addition to the telegraphic summary of the result.

The question for the Senate to consider is a simple one. We take it to be beyond controversy that we need a foothold in the West Indies. In process of time it may become manifest that we need more than one such naval *point d' appui* in the Gulf waters; but at present the testimony of military and naval authorities is uniform and decisive, that one such port we must have without delay. The Senate is now to consider what that point shall be. Shall it be Samana, or St. Thomas, or St. Nicholas Mole, or all San Domingo? Primarily, it is clear that we are in need of no *entrepôt* of trade in the Antilles, nor could we afford to annex territory as territory. We do not propose to open an old junk store for all the tattered ends of creation, nor a real estate market in which we ourselves shall buy all the odd lots and out-of-the-way corners of the globe. The point we urge on the Senate is less one of expenditure than of economy; not a real estate purchase, but the acquisition of a solid, substantial, useful naval station, repair shop and coaling depot, in waters where such a station is indispensable.

In time of war the need of such a station in the West Indies is unquestionable; but even in time of peace it is quite as great, if not as immediately apparent. In our day, steam has taken the place of sails, except for cruising purposes, and at all times the coal-carrying capacity of our ships is so limited—especially in our new wooden screw fleet—as to make accessible coaling depots a great necessity. We look forward to see one such station established in the Mediterranean, and another in the South Pacific. At present the main need exists in the West Indies.

What the Senate is to determine seems to be, how can this want be cheaply supplied? It is claimed by the friends of the San Domingo treaty that the Dominican Republic can be annexed to our own at a very trifling cost; that the debt is small; that no loans of importance have been contracted; that the island will soon pay for itself, with American energy infused into it. Whether all this is or is not true, can only be determined by investigation. It is this investigation which we consider that the Senate is bound to make. The islanders have certainly done their part, and have a right to expect us to do ours. The treaty price is a mere song, and if this be, as it is claimed, the whole of the cost involved, the bargain will be a good one. But the facts in the case remain for the Senate to settle.

Southern Sentiment and Policy.

Several Southern journals respond to the ideas recently advanced in these columns in regard to the true reconstruction policy of the South. It will be remembered that we deprecated the longer continuance of the ancient sectional animosities which existed previous to and during the war, and counseled an acceptance by the South of the fundamental political accomplishments which have since been wrought out. We did this upon the ground that the old political antagonisms had been submitted to that tribunal of *dernier ressort*, the wager of battle, and had been decided adversely to the South; that in the resulting adjustments the South had no voice; that those adjustments being finally agreed upon and settled, forbearance and amnesty to the South became the duty as well as the true policy of the North; and, finally, that all this had developed a corresponding obligation upon the part of the South to forego its obstruction and accept the result in a spirit of restored nationality.

In reply to these ideas, it is urged that the South has not been permitted to exercise any free will in the reassumption of its status in the Union, and that no obligation, therefore, rests upon it. In the very nature of things, such a concession could not have been made. It would have been ridiculous to have consulted an enemy fresh from battle fields, with hearts still beating with rage and bitter hatred, as to the conditions of peace, or the political *status* of the future. Of course the South would have clung to the issues upon which the war was fought; in fact we have seen that from the moment the rebel armies laid down their arms, they took up the same old arguments they had used previous to the war. They have done little else than cry out against usurpation, and tyranny, and military despotism, and the intrusion of Northern people, ever since.

It was unfortunate for the whole country, and especially for the South, that the process of reconstruction was embarrassed and prolonged. Had it been consummated four years ago—even upon the basis finally adopted—we should have encountered less opposition, North as well as South. The ex-rebels certainly had a more submissive temper then than now, and what seems almost unendurable in 1870 would have been accepted by them as unexpectedly lenient in 1866. They had a chastened spirit then which held their assertion in check.

We do not want the South to be humiliated or politically disabled, and we do not expect that its people will change its purely social organization. We do maintain, however, that it ought, cheerfully and sincerely, to lay aside its revived sectional prejudices, together with all the old heresies which brought on the war. It must put away the idea that a State is in any respect greater than the nation, and that there is any one class of men whose political rights are less than those of another's. We would freely and fully concede to our Southern brethren equal freedom with ourselves to regulate their social, industrial and political affairs under the Constitution. We would place them side by side with us in those respects, but not one step in advance or to the one side or the other of us.

With regard to the future but little can be said. The South holds its political destiny in its own hands, subject only to the restrictions of the Constitution as amended, and the spirit, either of conformation or resistance, which shall prevail. If it shall contend against accomplishment, and seek to revive dead issues, it can only retard its own material prosperity, and reject that equal participation in the political action of the future which we feel confident the moderate sentiment of the North is anxious to tender.

The Tribune and the Tariff.

When the TIMES pressed upon Congress, in December last, the reduction of taxation as one of the great duties of the session, the *Tribune* proposed to punish us therefor by reading us out of the Republican Party. By and by it became evident that in crying, "Down with the taxes," Senator SUMNER expressed the prevailing feeling of the party; and that the TIMES, in assuming its position, was sustained by the great body of the Republican Press. Nearly every influential journal in the land having advocated the policy which, in the case of the TIMES, the *Tribune* proposed to make a capital offense, that newspaper was compelled to change its tone. Instead of being privileged to read others out of the party, it found itself behind the party Press, solitary and alone without voice or influence upon the subject.

The tariff question, however, brings out the *Tribune* in its old character. It assumes that it is entitled to decide how the tariff shall be discussed, and is very angry with the TIMES for daring to discuss it differently. It draws a line arraying on one side the monopolists it serves under the pretence of "protection," and on the other the radical free traders; and it is disgusted because we make war upon the monopolists without being free traders, and because—disregarding its chalk line—we stand upon the solid middle ground which the people occupy, and which forms the foundation of practical reform. It compliments the cut-and-out free traders, as, in the circumstances, it can well afford to do; and it hurls epithets at those who, caring little for abstractions, agitate for the revision and reduction of the Customs' list, in the interest both of the revenue and of American industry. The scolding of the *Tribune* does not harm us; on a question of this nature nothing it can say against us would hurt half so much as the compliments we might earn by taking a position on one side or the other of its arbitrary line.

Meanwhile we propound an inquiry which may enable the *Tribune* to furnish the means of testing the sincerity of its own professions in regard to certain duties, actual and proposed. In order that in any attempt at controversy we may start from some common premise, we ask it to state whether the duty, with other charges of importation, on the ordinary grades of steel manufacture equals eighty-six per cent. of the cost of their production in England?—whether the advocacy of a rate of duty which, with charges of importation, shall equal forty-three per cent. of such cost, may be correctly stigmatized as free trade?—and whether, under the pretense of protecting industry, it is in favor of the enactment of the bill now pending before Congress, which increases the duty from two-and-a-quarter to three-and-a-quarter cents per pound? If the *Tribune* will, at the outset, give us explicit information upon these points, it is at liberty to parade its rhapsodies and its spleen through columns unlimited.

The Fifteenth Amendment.

A correspondent, referring to our remark that Texas and Georgia are not yet States, asks how they can ratify a constitutional amendment while in an inchoate condition? The point is one which has been fully discussed, and the conclusion arrived at, and conceded very generally, is that although not in full Federal communion as States, through formal recognition by and representation in Congress, yet their organization under the law being complete at the time the ratification was made, and no further act on their part being necessary, the mere formal recognition by Congress, and the admission of their Representatives, made the ratification complete and operative. The point made by our correspondent was raised in the case of Virginia, and a second formal ratification was suggested as a matter of precaution, but the proposal was not regarded of sufficient importance to justify the trouble, and no vote was had.

In this connection we notice that the *World* suggests possible opposition to the amendment on the ground that its ratification was extorted from the ex-rebel States, and expresses the hope that it will be nullified. It urges that if done at all it should be done speedily and effectually. It sees that unsuccessful opposition would damage its party by "turning the whole negro vote against it," and it declares that "the chances of resisting the operation of the amendment after it is declared adopted are very slender." We shall expect therefore that hereafter the Democracy will accept the Fifteenth Amendment to the extent of courting negro votes.

Will Women Go Crazy in Politics?

There is a curious debate going on in England between the *Pall Mall Gazette* and the *Spectator*, about what the *Spectator* calls the "Physiology of Political Women," the question being, what will be the probable effect on women's physical health of their participation in politics? The *Pall Mall Gazette* thinks it will break them down through over-excitement; while the *Spectator* is satisfied that we cannot judge what its effects will be from what we see of the results of women's excitement now, inasmuch as the "excitement" to which they are exposed in our day is Society excitement, coupled with late hours, bad air, and unwholesome food. The excitement of politics, on the whole, it thinks likely to be wholesome, and cites the vigorous health of female politicians, like ELIZABETH of England, MARIA THERESA of Austria, and CATHARINE of Russia, in support of its position. The matter seems very interesting in presence of the fact that we are evidently on the verge of seeing female suffrage adopted in several of the States, and that in two of the Territories, Wyoming and Utah, it is already in operation.

But we do not believe it is quite as interesting as it looks. The celebrated female politicians, whose robust health we are called on to admire and draw deductions from, were picked women, who may be said to have made their own position. They sought all the difficulties they had to encounter, and their experience, therefore, is of little or no use to their sisters. Indeed, citing them by way of encouragement to the sex in general, is very like holding prize fighters up as examples of what men in general are capable of in the way of bodily endurance. Prize fighters select themselves for their work; no one thinks of going into the ring unless in addition to general bodily health and size of muscle, he has thorough confidence in his own powers, and is eager to try them. So also with regard to the possibility now so much agitated, of giving young men a university education while supporting themselves by manual labor. It is folly to argue that any university can be based on such a plan, or that young men in general could fall in with it, from the fact that some young men have been known to do it in universities already in existence. The young men who have done it have been selected for the ordeal by nature herself. No young man has ever attempted to undergo it, or has ever undergone it successfully, who did not feel himself equal to it, and did not desire education almost passionately; and who, moreover, was not prepared to make sacrifices in pursuit of it, which not one in a thousand would be prepared to undergo.

The true reason for believing that political excitement will not prove injurious to women is, in our opinion, to be found in the fact that it is not very injurious to men,—mainly that the great mass of them will keep out of politics and will not get excited about it. There is probably no country in the world in which the interest in politics is as general as it is in this, and yet when we come down to the hard facts of the case, the number of men who pay enough attention to politics to distract their attention from their private affairs, or indeed who get in the least degree wrought up about them,—except at great crises, such as the late war, which do not occur in any country more than once in a couple of centuries,—is exceedingly small. There is a class who are excited about them and whose nerves the fortunes of political campaigns really shake, but they are the politicians proper, who, like the pugilists, choose this line of occupation because they like it and feel equal to it. The sensitive, nervous men who cannot stand the worry and excitement of the business either never go into it or speedily leave it. So will it be with women. The Anthonys and Stantons will always be found in the arena, and will be none the worse of it, as far as their nerves go; the great body of the sex, even if they vote, will keep out of it, and take just that somewhat languid, pleasant interest in politics that their husbands and brothers take, if they take any at all,—but it will always play a very small part in their thoughts or lives.

Indeed, in all the talk one hears about women's participation in politics and the professions, the state of the health of the sex, is singularly overlooked. The number of women really equal to any work not sedentary is infinitesimally small. As for the labor of the Bar, or of medicine, or of the counting room, continuous, exhausting, accompanied with great anxiety, considerable exposure to weather and variations of temperature, and full of trials to temper, to self-love, to vanity, to generosity, and faith, as they all are, there is probably not one of our readers who can point to even two women, in his acquaintance, who are fit for them, or who would, with a full knowledge of what they were, think of encountering them. The number of women, even in easy circumstances, who can keep house without feeling what are called its "cares," overwhelming is alarmingly small. These cares consist simply in the management of servants—three or four all told—and the ordering of breakfast and dinner, and the superintendence of a certain amount of sweeping and scouring, and they have to be borne, let it be remembered, within the privacy of home, with times and seasons perfectly within the woman's control, and her bed within easy reach. How few, nevertheless, find them so light as to have easy minds, or strength left for the proper training of their children or the duties of even a moderate amount of hospitality.

If it be said that though this may be true of married women, it is not true of unmarried ones, and that they would probably bear the wear and tear of business and the professions better, the answer is that girls are the material out of which matrons are made, and that there is no reason in the world, either moral or physical, for supposing that they would confront the cares of the bar, or the hospital, or the broker's office, a whit more successfully than those of the household. The notion that they would swarm into politics, be found going crazy in great numbers on caucuses and mass meetings, and practically "dividing the time" with strong-lunged males on the stump, we look on, therefore, as a veritable hallucination.

We venture to predict that the advocates of female suffrage will be found, as soon as it is achieved, denouncing the female voters for their apathy and indifference, and that the female voters will be found bearing their reproaches with the most complete equanimity. A considerable number of female doctors will always be found, doubtless, practicing in the large cities, but the country male doctors, we fancy, will long have a monopoly of their weary rides and infinitesimal fees; and as to women's making much of a figure at the Bar, those who know what prodigious vigor of digestion and what soundness of constitution are necessary, even on the part of males, for success in the practice of the law, will feel amused by the mention of the thing. They will not go crazy over the law any more than over politics. No classes or bodies of persons voluntarily pursue any calling to which they find their powers generally unequal. They avoid it.

With the suffrage, however, will come certain responsibilities which cannot and ought not to be avoided. Serving on juries is one of them, and we see that a jury of women has been already summoned in Wyoming Territory. Now, anybody who knows what sitting all day in a crowded Court room, and giving even tolerably close attention to a case, and trying to understand the evidence, follow the counsel or Judge, really means, in the way of physical exhaustion, need not feel much hesitation about anticipating even far greater reluctance amongst women, about serving on juries, than amongst men. In short, whichever way we look at the duties which they are seeking, or others are seeking for them, the question comes up irresistibly, where are they going to get the bodily strength to perform them? At the bottom of the "woman question" lies the question of woman's health, and until the latter is solved we suspect the former will give the public very little trouble in practice, whatever amount of noise it creates. The female sex in America at this moment can, as a whole, for physical reasons, no more compete with the male sex in the various callings of life than it can fly; and we say this not by way of throwing cold water on any movement for the extension of woman's "sphere," or for giving her a greater variety of occupation, but by way of quieting the apprehensions of those who fancy that when women get the ballot or get the professions thrown open to them, we are going to have a social convulsion. The work of the world, happily or unhappily, is done under certain laws which neither Legislature nor society can change, and one of these is that to the strong hand and strong head, the capacious lungs and vigorous frame, falls, and will always fall, the heavy burdens, and that where the heavy burdens fall the great prizes fall too. This is not pleasant for the weak; but it is the fact, and will lay to the end.

The Sectarian School Question in Missouri.

The school question has at last become a topic of fierce and angry debate, not only in the Atlantic States, but beyond the Mississippi and along the Pacific seaboard. For this result we may thank the sectarian zealots and bigots, on the one hand, and the trading Democratic politicians, on the other, who have joined forces to attack and undermine our whole system of public schools. We fear that a severe and bitter contest,—of opinion if nothing more,—is at hand, pivoting on this question of sectarian schools; nor is it easy to see why the same question which now agitates especially New-York, Ohio and Missouri should not disturb to some extent every State from Maine to California.

The Missouri Legislature, like our own, now has this subject under advisement. St. Louis like Cincinnati and New-York, contains a strong sectarian element, eager to divert the public school money to religious institutions. The two propositions introduced into the Missouri Legislature to checkmate this purpose, are worthy of thought and discussion. The House bill simply prohibits the appropriation of school money to any but public schools. The Senate bill goes one step further, and forbids the transfer of any public money whatever, whether raised by State, county or municipal taxes, or howsoever accruing, to the support of any religious institution.

We are not sure but this last broad ground is the only safe one, and the one to which all lovers of religious liberty, all friends of free institutions, and all upholders of our public school system, will be eventually driven. Take, for example, the sectarian appropriations in this City. They consist not only of money diverted from the proceeds of the Excise, but of specific appropriations; and in some cases these have gone to schools, and in others to sectarian benevolent institutions. It becomes, therefore, exceedingly difficult to discriminate between the educational and the charitable features of religious institutions; and should we succeed in prohibiting the diversion of public money to private sectarian schools, we might still be deceived by its diversion to sectarian charities which were really but schools in disguise. It is clearly difficult to say, for example, in case of an "orphan asylum," or a "children's home," or a "charitable nursery," where the business of private instruction begins. We might defeat sectarian appropriations for schools, and yet get but a barren triumph. The present scholars might be transferred to sectarian religious and benevolent institutions now supported or aided by the State, and thus the public aim would be foiled.

And, again, we have no more right to divert other public money than we have to divert public school money, to the support of private religious institutions. The St. Louis *Democrat* holds that "if this is a land of religious freedom, every citizen has a right to know that not one dollar of the money which he gives to the Government shall be used for the support of a creed different from his own;" and, as an obvious corollary, every citizen should refuse to receive such aid for his own sect. "The only just and safe course," says the *Democrat*, "is to prevent any taxation of anybody for the benefit of any church, creed, or sect;" and it suggests that if Missouri will introduce that principle into her Constitution, other States will follow, and finally Congress will cover the ground with an amendment to the National Constitution.

Our purpose in citing this Missouri movement is to let sectarians and politicians in this State see how the tide of public opinion is setting. It is pretty clear that if the former do not cease tampering with the public school money, they may find not only that money put out of their reach by a constitutional amendment, but the other appropriations they now get under various disguises, also cut off. By grasping at too much, they may lose all. They have thrown a firebrand of discussion, but may be themselves consumed in the conflagration. They have sown the wind, but may yet reap the whirlwind.

Our telegrams from New-Hampshire bring the gratifying intelligence that Hon. ONSLOW STEARNS has been reflected Governor, and that there will be a Republican majority in both branches of the Legislature, thus securing the election of a Republican United States Senator to succeed Mr. CHANDLER. The vote for the Labor Reform candidate for Governor proves to have been comparatively small, and that for the Temperance candidate scarcely more than one thousand. Yet these two new parties have reduced the Republican majority about one-half from last year, and have prevented the return of a few Republican members of the Legislature. The Republicans of New-Hampshire, however, did a good work yesterday, and their victory over their three competitors, even should their majority not exceed 1,000 votes, is honorable to them and creditable to the people of the State.

The Georgia bill, with a somewhat important modification, yesterday passed the House. Will the Senate be good enough to expedite the enactment of the measure without unnecessary delay? There really is nothing new to be said on the questions it involves, and the country is tired of the repetition of the old song which was sung with so many variations while Virginia stood patiently astride the door.

The Democratic Party seems to be rapidly losing, instead of gaining, influence at the South. The papers in that part of the country complain that they get neither advice nor help worth having from their boasted friends at the North. They call for a "reorganization" of the party. That would be a very desirable thing—but on what basis is the reconstruction to be effected? What are the aims of the Democratic leaders? Where is their policy? If they have any settled ideas on such subjects they succeed in keeping them a profound secret. On the question of the debt one section, at least, of the Democrats is admitted to be against full payment—and yet our pledges to pay every dollar have sent our bonds up abroad and gold down at home. When have the Democrats done so much to advance the prosperity of the people?

There is to be a revision of the Consular service. Some new posts are to be established, and some old ones abolished. Certain salaries are to be reduced, and others increased. This move will cause a little perturbation among our representatives abroad, but the public here will not be so much interested in it as if they heard that a thorough reform in the service was about to be carried out. Such a measure as that has long been talked of. Successive Secretaries of State have come into contact with the endless difficulties arising from incompetent men being sent to look after our commercial interests abroad. This has led them to recommend reform, without the least reference to any party considerations. Unfortunately, personal interests have hitherto been too strong to admit of success. A few want of a place for N, and he has had no hesitation in getting O turned out, although B may be utterly unfit for the position, and C quite the reverse. We doubt whether we shall get much help from Congress in this matter, at present.

It must be allowed that the instances offered in the Surrogate's Court to prove old Mr. Fox, the miser, insane, are not very much to the purpose. The lady witness said he was very much afraid of thieves and thought they were coming, one night, when it was only a cat. Fear of thieves in New-York is not such a great proof of insanity. He also had a cat which could climb a pole and cry, he said, like a child. Cats often cry or caterwaul like children, as any sane person may have observed. As another proof, it was stated that on buying a pair of little girl's shoes he insisted on having a pair of soles put on them before wearing. This looks more like shrewdness than anything else; for, certainly, half the little shoes purchased nowadays have soles requiring further protection against the wet and wear and tear of the streets. If *that* is insanity, we do not know how any father of a family can escape the Surrogate.

The first screw steamer that ever crossed the Atlantic, according to the *Tribune*, was the *City of Glasgow*, in 1850. The *Great Britain*, we suppose, must have come here overland.

"Measures, not men" is the good old-fashioned motto which we have adopted in discussing the Democratic warfare against the "Ring." "Give us a good Government and an honest Judiciary and we will support you," is what we have said to the anti-Ring coalition. Before any measures could be brought forward to win our confidence or approval—before the promises of the *World* could possibly be fulfilled—certain names are paraded before us as a sort of guarantee for the work that is to be done. Thus challenged, we are obliged to say that the names in question inspire us with no confidence. Figs may be gathered from thorns, but as we have never seen the identical fruit in question we shall be pardoned for assuming an attitude of unbelief. We say, as we have said all through this controversy—show us your measures, and we will discuss them fairly. But do not bring out three notorious politicians and try to persuade us that we should be quite safe in committing all our destinies to their hands.

The Kentucky Legislature began the labors of the session by making this record upon the title-page of its journal: "To the honor of GEORGE WASHINGTON, the first Rebel." Has there not been enough of this sort of talk? Can any sane political man in this country seriously desire to renew it? GEORGE WASHINGTON "rebelled" against a tyranny, and in order to establish a just and beneficent Government—the other "rebels" tried to found a Government based upon slavery and caste prejudices, and to overturn a political system which had won the admiration and applause of the civilized world. Is there no difference between the two cases? Ought not every Southern man to be ashamed to revive so stale, barren and worn-out a controversy? Kentucky is dishonored by her KUKLUX KLANS, her suppression of free discussion by Vigilance Committees, and her shameful libel on the men who fought to save the Union from being broken in pieces in the interest of slave holders.

When the custom becomes more common of ladies serving on juries we hope the presiding Judge will not deem it necessary to talk at them as if they were defenceless children before a pack of ravening wolves. Judge DOWN, of Wyoming Territory, told his female Grand Jurors the other day, that he would protect them at all hazards. He said, in effect: "Don't be afraid, ladies—I am here to interpose between you and any one who would lift his hand against you, except in the way of kindness." This sort of speech is well enough in a theater, where it generally tickles the "gods," but what necessity was there for it in a court of justice? Are the men of Wyoming all untrained barbarians? Or is it considered to be the proper thing to heap flattery upon women when they perform any of the public duties of a citizen? The Gertrudes of Wyoming were not really much complimented, if they only knew it, by their kind protector's praises.

The opinion on the other side of the Atlantic appears to be that the Captain of the steamer *Bombay* had no excuse for continuing on his course after coming into collision with the *Oneida*. On this point there is not likely to be much doubt anywhere. The probability seems to be that he did not know what vessel he struck, and that he hoped to escape unseen. He wished to avoid the penalties of his carelessness. If that should turn out to be the case, he has committed a crime which will render his name infamous in the annals of the sea. Captains in the "Peninsular and Oriental Company's" service are all tried men, and know their business. But the commander of the *Bombay* must be classed as an exception if this terrible disaster is to be ascribed to him. It is, of course, possible that some subordinate may be to blame—all that we shall shortly learn from the evidence. At present we are led to the belief that the *Bombay* was driven into the *Oneida* through wanton negligence, and that the Captain afterward acted like a savage.

General Butler and the Press.

The Philadelphia *Press* prints, in its Washington dispatches, a letter from Gen. BUTLER, explanatory of his recent attack upon and deprecation of newspaper correspondents. We can only make room for the following extract:

"The scamperers of men whom I had heretofore deemed respectable, and had met and dealt with as such upon this matter, in the country, because I cannot but remember that this examination, which resulted in the report against WHITEHOUSE, was instituted by articles in the NEW-YORK TIMES, and by advertisements in that paper, and has been pressed on by articles in the same paper. Now, it turns out that the champion of righteousness, the devil that prompted the appeal to him, was a correspondent of that same Times, and for his dollar a line the Times was publishing the advertisement of a Congressman to sell ordeal-ships."

We entirely agree with the General in his estimate of the guerillas of the Press to whom he alludes. He errs, however, when he associates the TIMES with the "tempter of WHITEHOUSE." The person to whom he refers was formerly attached to the TIMES' Washington bureau in a subordinate capacity, but all such relations ceased about two years ago—long before the transaction which formed the subject of Congressional investigation.

ALBANY.

The Canal Bill Likely to Pass the Assembly Unaltered.

Completion of the Anti-Ring Charter.

Its Provisions Unsatisfactory and Now Corrections Probable.

No End to the Quarrels of the Brooklyn Democrats—Bill Regarding the Metropolitan Museum of Art—Proposed Amendments to the Excise Bill.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, March 8, 1870.

The discussion of Senator HARDENBERGH's bill to abolish the contract system on the canals, which was made the special order in the Assembly this morning, was opened by Mr. ALVORD, who gave a brief history of the past management of the canals, and, while favoring the abolition of the contract system, opposed the bill under consideration as being in the interest of the contractors, or, at least, that portion of them having contracts already existing. He characterized the bill as emphatically a contractors' bill, and said that the largest contractor in the State (Senator LORD) was one of its leading advocates in the other House. He advocated putting the whole control and management of the canals in the hands of the "Canal Commissioners," and not in the Canal Board, as provided by this bill, which includes not only the Commissioners, but the Controller, State Treasurer, Attorney-General, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State and State Engineer and Surveyor. The Commissioners, he argued, were the only members of the Canal Board who were elected, or supposed to be elected, with refence to their knowledge of or qualifications for canal management; but under this bill they were liable to be outvoted and their power over the canals entirely annulled by men who knew nothing about the canals. In a word, it took the control of the canals out of the hands of those whom the people had selected for that purpose and put it in the hands of men who might use it solely for party purposes. The clause in the bill allowing them to appoint an "unlimited" number of "patrolmen" on the line of the canals showed that this was the design of the authors of the bill. Mr. SNOW, of Otsego, replied to Mr. ALVORD, and advocated the passage of the bill without amendment, saying that the Democratic Party were willing to take the responsibility. He denied that the bill was in the interest of contractors, and said that these men were assembled in large force outside the Chamber to defeat it. As to the appointment of patrolmen, he claimed that it gave no more power than was already possessed by the Canal Commissioners. Mr. LITTLEJOHN offered an amendment to the first section, abolishing all contracts, including those already existing. He said the public sentiment of the State was nearly unanimous in demanding the abolition of the contracting system, but this bill did no such thing; on the contrary, it permitted the continuance of contracts which would not expire for five years to come. The discussion was continued by Mr. JACOBS, Mr. SELKREG, Mr. FIELDS and others, and ended with a motion by JACOBS that the Committee report progress and ask leave to sit again, which was carried. After getting out of Committee of the Whole, JACOBS moved to disagree with the report and order the bill to a third reading which was carried—Mr. LITTLEJOHN's amendment having been first voted down by yeas 51, nays 59. The bill will doubtless pass as it came from the Senate, without amendment.

THE SENATE

was engaged on general orders, which included only bills of local interest. Among the new bills introduced was one by Mr. NORTON incorporating a "Metropolitan Museum of Art," with W. C. BRYANT, Gen. JNO. A. DIX, GEO. WM. CURTIS and a large number of prominent citizens and artists as incorporators. Mr. GENET introduced a bill to reduce the commutation of emigrant passengers arriving at the port of New-York from $2 50 to $1 50 per head. Senator MURPHY presented remonstrances from the citizens of Brooklyn against the proposed sale of that part of Prospect Park lying east of Flatbush-avenue, and one petition in favor of the sale of a portion thereof and the improvement of the balance.

THE ANTI-RING CHARTER.

The anti-Ring Charter has arrived in town, but for some unexplained reason was not introduced to-day. Its authors are making an attempt to caucus the handling before it is introduced, so as to get the party committed in its favor in advance. They are afraid to subject their work to the criterion of public criticism, lest it meet the fate of the Ring charter; and they therefore desire to insure its passage before they introduce it. The leading provisions of the new charter are as follows: The present Mayor is to continue in office until next Fall. All future Mayors are to hold office for two years, and all heads of Departments, not elective, are to be appointed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and their terms of office are to expire with that of the Mayor. The heads of Departments who are to be elected by the people are the Police Commissioners, Supervisors, Board of Education, Controller and Corporation Counsel. The Supervisors and Board of Education are to be elected from Congressional Districts—three from each district—making eighteen members of each Board. The Tax Commission is to consist of three persons, to be appointed by the Controller; in other words, the whole business of assessing property and collecting taxes is to be in the hands of the Democratic Party. The Health Commissioners, Fire Commissioners, &c., are appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen. No provision is made for a representation of the minority party in any Department of the City Government. The Police Commissioners, Supervisors and Board of Education are to be elected in May next. It is said that the charter will be introduced to-morrow without fail, and an effort will be made to get a party caucus on it this evening.

OVER THE RIVER.

The quarrels between the Brooklyn politicians and their representatives in the Legislature about what shall be done to "reorganize" the Government of that city, were not settled at the conference on Saturday, and the present prospect is that no change will be made in the Commissions or other Departments of Brooklyn, except perhaps in that portion of the Metropolitan Police that embraces Kings County. There are many who believe that the conflicting schemes for reorganizing the Government of New-York will end in like manner. It is certain that nothing has yet been proposed for either city which, in the minds of any but politicians, would be an improvement on what already exists. S.

Senator Genet's Railroad Bill—The Excise Bill—Dissatisfaction with the Newest Charter.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, March 8.—In Committee of the Whole this evening the Assembly ordered to a third reading Senator GENET's One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street Railroad bill. The franchise is to be sold at public auction by the Sheriff. The bill has already passed the Senate.

THE EXCISE BILL.

The Judiciary Committee have agreed upon the following amendments to the Excise bill that passed the Senate: Town officers are prohibited from granting licenses for villages. The clause abolishing the law which makes drunkenness a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment, is stricken out. The clause prohibiting lager beer to be sold on Sundays is limited to cities. The Excise Commissioners of Buffalo is continued till 1872.

THE NEW CHARTER.

The effort to get a caucus of the New-York delegation to-night on the new charter failed, and it is now considered doubtful whether the charter will be introduced to-morrow. A crowd of New-York politicians, including Sheriff O'BRIEN, Controller CONNOLLY, Surrogate HUTCHINGS and a legion of the office-seekers, arrived this afternoon to help lobby the charter through; but there is a serious block in the programme, and the document may have to go back to the City a second time for amendment. Every man demands a lot both under the new charter, and the letters from the anti-Ring have been so numerous that the revelation was likely to remain that none cannot be provided for them all.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Tuesday, March 8.

Mr. GENET moved that the new Capitol Commissioners report within ten days all the contracts made, with whom made, and the terms and other like information.

On motion of Mr. KENNEDY it was laid on the table.

REPORTS.

By Mr. TWEED—Chartering the National Homeopathic University of the City of New-York.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. GENET—Concerning passengers arriving at the port of New-York.

By Mr. McKEON—Chartering the United States Mutual Benefit Company of New-York; also, chartering the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The Senate disposed of the following bills as noted:

Amending the act relative to frauds in assessments for local improvements. Third reading.

Enabling the Foreign Bible and American Baptist Publication Societies to unite. Third reading.

Amending the Kings County Jurors' act. Third reading.

Changing the name of the Hope Union Mission School of Brooklyn. Third reading.

A communication was received from the Governor relative to a general bill for the incorporation of villages. [This is the same bill referred to in the Assembly proceedings.]

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

THE CANAL CONTRACTING BOARD.

The House went into Committee on the Senate bill abolishing the Contracting Board and contract system on the Canals.

Mr. ALVORD moved to amend by making of the Canal Commissioners the Board to act upon the completion of unfinished contracts, and spoke at length in support of his proposition, claiming that those officers having practical knowledge of the subject, could best direct the completion of this unfinished work. He charged that the Senate bill was a bill in the interest of contractors and was introduced in the Senate by the prince of contractors (Senator LORD) and made a law, so far as the Senate was concerned, by his votes. He wanted to put the party in power into the position that bill them would no longer be a dollar of revenue to the State; all of its earnings will go to pay for the repairs of the canals.

Mr. SNOW followed in defence of the policy of the Democratic Party with regard to the canals and in advocacy of the bill.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN moved an amendment that all contracts for repairs shall cease 1 on and after the passage of this act. He wanted in response to the demands of the people of the State an abolishment of the contract system. This the bill does not do. It proposes to abolish the Contracting Board, but continues the contracting system. What the people want is that the canals shall be repaired at once and effectually; and they want it done not by the contract system, but by a new system. He read from one of the contracts the clause permitting the State to abrogate the contract at any time without subjecting itself to damages.

Messrs. JACOBS and FIELDS continued the debate, claiming that the bill would accomplish all the people asked. At all events, the experiment might be tried. The Democratic Party were extremely anxious to break up the corrupt system which had grown to mammoth proportions and admitted on all hands to be corrupt, and had provided in the Senate bill a measure which it was hoped would prove effectual.

On motion of Mr. JACOBS, the Committee rose and reported progress.

In the House Mr. JACOBS moved that the bill be made a special order for a third reading.

Mr. FIELDS moved the previous question, which was ordered.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN's motion to amend was rejected, by a strict party vote, 49 to 66.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

CHARTERS OF VILLAGES.

A communication was received from the Governor urging the consideration of a general bill for the incorporation of villages which has already been introduced by Senator Pafer, of Richmond. The bill, it says, the Governor says, has been carefully prepared, and will make application to the Legislature for village charters and amendments to such charters hereafter unnecessary. Sixty acts are found on the statute-book of last year of this nature. Villages often ask amendments to their charters the first year of their existence. In one instance, the same village has procured amendments every year for fourteen years. Any existing village may adopt the provisions of this bill in lieu of its present charter. If passed, it will save the time of the Legislature and promote the public convenience, by enabling the people to organize villages without the delay and expense of coming to the Legislature and by disincumbering the statute-book.

Recess till 7½ o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. FLAGG introduced a bill to amend the charter and other acts relating to the City of Troy.

GENERAL ORDERS.

The House in Committee disposed of the following bills as noted:

Authorizing corporations to change their names. Third reading.

Changing the Missionary Society of St. Paul, of the City of New-York. Third reading.

Relative to the Ladies' Home Society of the Baptist Churches of New-York City. Third reading.

Chartering the Twelfth Savings Bank of the City of New-York. Third reading.

Relative to the Monroe County Insane Asylum. Third reading.

Authorizing the Flushing and North Side Railroad Company to construct a drawbridge over Flushing Creek. Third reading.

Authorizing the construction of a railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street and other streets and avenues in the City of New-York. Third reading.

Adjourned.

RAILROAD ENTERPRISE.

A New Route to the Coal Mines—The Southern Central—Its Progress and Importance.

From Our Own Correspondent.

AUBURN, Monday, March 7, 1870.

The good people of Auburn celebrated with becoming enthusiasm, on Saturday last, the laying of the last rail connecting Auburn with Owego. The silver nail was driven by President JOHN H. CHEDELL, and the first train passed over the road amid the firing of cannon and the cheers of the jubilant citizens.

The Southern Central has been in process of construction for the past two years, under the direction of such distinguished capitalists as General J. H. Chedell, Nelson Beardsley, President of the Cayuga Bank, Josiah Barber, Esq., Wm. H. Seward, Jr., D. M. Osborne, of Auburn, Hon. Thos. C. Platt, of Owego, and Hon. George J. Post, of Fair Haven. The City of Auburn, appreciating the benefits to be secured to the city, loaned its credit to the road for half a million, and the various towns through which it passes displayed the same enterprise and liberality. The road is now under contract from Owego to the State line, near Athens, a distance of eighteen miles, to be completed on the 1st day of June next. Here it connects with the Pennsylvania and New-York Railroad, and runs directly to the coal mines of Pennsylvania. From Auburn the road is under contract to Fair Haven, on the Ontario; the grading is nearly finished, and the lake port will be reached by the coming Fall.

The completion of the Southern Central will be a matter of no little importance to Central New-York, affording, as it will, the most direct route to the coal mines, with the easiest grades, and, consequently, the cheapest transportation. Hardly secondary to the coal interest is the trade with Canada, which this route is sure to develop. Canada wants the coal of Pennsylvania, New-York, in turn, requires the lumber and the iron ore of Canada, and the harbor at the northern terminus of the Southern Central is one of the safest and the most convenient on the lake. It is therefore easy of demonstration that the road is to supply Central New-York and Canada with coal, the East with lumber, and Pennsylvania with the iron ore of Canada. As rapidly as the rails have been spiked the Superintendent, J. LEWIS GRANT, (formerly Superintendent of the Lake Shore Railroad,) has caused a passenger train to be run, and already a local traffic of surprising amount has been created, encouraging the directors of the road and promising splendid results in the future.

Passenger and freight trains will commence running at once between Auburn and Owego, and passengers and shippers will have a choice of routes to New-York—a choice that Auburn has never been permitted to enjoy before. The completed road, at late advices, was within twenty miles of Owego, when the rumors of the contract for the Erie Canal to Watkins Glen, will be 116 miles, running through the richest agricultural section of the State, connecting with Canada by steamboat, with the Erie Canal at Waterport, with the New-York Central at Geneva, and with the Pennsylvania and New-York Railroad; and under its present management success is assured. E.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE...WASHINGTON, Tuesday, March 8.

Mr. CONKLING presented the proceedings of the New-York Chamber of Commerce in relation to a harbor of refuge at Black Island. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. CONKLING presented the petition of the Cunard Steamship Company, representing the proceedings, in which Mr. CONKLING expressed a hearty concurrence. Referred to the Post-office Committee.

PENSION.

Mr. SUMNER presented the petition of HILTON HOWAR HELPER for compensation as Consul at Buenos Ayres. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. WILSON—For the temporary relief of the poor of the District of Columbia. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. KELLOGG—In aid of the Freedmen and for the purpose of sub-dividing the public domain in certain States into forty acre tracts for homesteads for the actual settlers. Referred.

By Mr. CONKLING—In relation to the act of July 20, 1868, relating to the land in aid of the Dubuque and Pacific Railroad from the Central Pacific Railroad in California, to Portland, Oregon. Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. SUMNER—Providing for the examination and adjustment of the claims of Southern loyalists, for stores furnished to the army, by a Commission of three, to be organized by the President; all claims to be presented within two years and the report of the Commission to be made within one year. Limited to claims of loyal citizens, and to be paid in land scrip, at the rate of $1 50 per acre. Referred to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. WILLIAMS—A joint resolution for the definite payment of the public debt of the United States. It provides that from and after the passage of the resolution all payments to the United States on account of duties on imports shall be made to the amount of one-half in coin, and the balance in legal notes of the United States. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

INDIAN CIVILIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to promote the civilization of the Indians and prepare them for the rights of citizenship.

It provides for the appointment of five civilians, who, with the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs, shall constitute a Board, the Secretary acting as its President, for the protection of friendly Indians and to promote their civilization. The Board shall supervise all expenditures, visit the various tribes, inquire into the economy and conduct of the superintendents, agents and all persons appointed or permitted to live among them. It shall be a medium of corresponding between the Government and the Indians, and shall have charge of contracts, &c. The Board may remove any person in the Indian service, when the interests of the United States or of any of the tribes require it, upon reporting the facts to the President, who may remove the person and fill the vacancy. It may also devise necessary codes and regulations to be submitted to Congress, as also all contracts and treaties. It shall also examine all claims in favor or against the Government, and report thereon, and report any officer of the Government, and eject any person whose presence may be deemed detrimental to good morals, with power to call on the nearest military force for aid. It shall also have the power to lease farms, inspiring them to self-support and inspiring them with confidence in the kind intentions and good faith of the Government of the United States.

Tabled, and ordered to be printed.

DISTRIBUTIONS TO MR. BOUTWELL.

Mr. FOWLER submitted the following resolution, which was laid over under objection:

Resolved, That as it is apparent that the currency and fractional currency now in circulation is fast accumulating a specie basis, the Finance Committee be instructed to report instructing the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of the surplus gold in the Treasury without delay, for as low a money to the Government the premium now thereon.

NEUTRALITY—THE SPANISH GUN-BOATS.

Mr. MORTON from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported favorably the bill making it a misdemeanor to fit out or equip ships of war with intent that they shall be employed in the service of any European Prince or State for the purpose of subduing American colonists claiming independence, and providing for the forfeiture of such ship or vessel. The bill is as follows:

Be it enacted &c. That if any person shall, within the limits of the United States, fit out, arm or equip, or attempt to fit out, arm or equip, or procure to be fitted out, armed or equipped, or shall knowingly be concerned in the furnishing, fitting out, arming or equipping of any ship or vessel, with the intent that such ship or vessel shall be employed in the service of any European Prince or State for the purpose of subduing American colonists claiming independence, or to cruise or deliver a commission within the territory of the United States for any ship or vessel, with the intent that she may be employed as aforesaid, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $3,000, and imprisoned for a period not exceeding two years not less than six months; and every such ship, with her tackle, apparel and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition and stores which may have been procured for the building and equipment thereof, shall be forfeited, one-half to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in every case where a ship or vessel shall be fitted out, armed or equipped, or attempted to be fitted out, armed or equipped, in contravention of this act, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, or such person as he shall have empowered for that purpose, to employ the land or naval forces or the militia of the United States, or any part thereof, for the purpose of taking possession of and detaining any such ship or vessel.

THE FRONTIER COASTING TRADE.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Commerce, reported without amendment a bill to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern, northeastern and northwestern frontier of the United States, and for other purposes.

It provides that masters of enrolled and licensed vessels engaged in the foreign trade make oath to duplicate manifests, and after obtaining clearance, keep one on which to enter the cargo taken on board or discharged at intermediate American ports, which they may touch, if they think proper, without being required to report the same until arriving at the port where the unloading of the cargo is completed. After touching at a place in a collection district which has no Customs office, reports shall be made in the same manner at the next port where there is a proper customs officer. The above provisions, however, do not apply to vessels with cargo or passengers for Detroit River, which must comply with the existing laws before discharging or lading the same. Steam-tugs employed in such trade shall not be required to report and clear at the Customs-house, nor shall they be required to be enrolled. The bill provides for a new schedule of fees to be collected from the masters and owners of vessels engaged in the said trade, and provides penalties for violating its provisions.

AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE.

The resolution previously offered by Mr. WILSON, calling upon the President for information relative to the slave trade on the African coast, was taken from the table and passed.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Mr. HARLAN called up the House joint resolution appointing a Special Committee on Indian Affairs in general, and moved to amend so as to make the committee consist of five members from each House. Discussion ensued as to whether the committee should be joint or special for each House.

Mr. EDMUNDS favored the latter proposition as making one committee a check upon the other, and further as a means of insuring more deliberate legislation, inasmuch as a measure reported by a Committee of the House would not be agreed to so readily as one coming from a joint committee.

THE FUNDING BILL.

The bill was finally laid over and the Funding bill taken up, the question being upon the amendment offered by Mr. CORBETT to strike out the fifth section making the interest on bonds payable at the United States Treasury, and in the cities of London, Paris, Berlin, Amsterdam and Frankfort.

Mr. SHERMAN (Rep.) in reply to the statement which he said had gone broadcast through the Press of the country that the one per centum allowed to negotiate the loan was a vast corruption fund of twelve millions of dollars, referred to the difficulties in the way of the undertaking which were greater than those attending the negotiation of the previous loans. The present requirement upon the Secretary of the Treasury to sell these bonds at par with gold had not applied in other cases as former loans were disposed of on the best terms available. Mr. SHERMAN then forwarded to the clerk and had read a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury in response to his own, inquiring whether the bonds could not be negotiated at a less rate:

The letter asserts the Secretary's inability to estimate accurately the probable expense at negotiating the proposed loan, but assuming the money market in the United States and Europe; but he firmly believes one per cent. would be the aggregate charges. He holds to the belief that the proposition to impose the work of negotiation upon the Treasury Department exclusively would prevent the Department from negotiating a new loan. A large amount of our bonds were held in Europe, and the holders could only be reached through bankers of influence in those countries; and those it would, he believed, be necessary to employ to negotiate the loan at a small commission.

Mr. SHERMAN continued contrasting the proposed expense with the cost of agencies for former loans. The first five-twenty loan cost us three-eighths of one per cent. The second, by Mr. FESSENDEN, in 1864, cost three-fourths of one per cent. So far as the loan might be placed by our own wants the Secretary would, perhaps, be able to dispense with all kinds of domestic agencies; but it must be remembered that one thousand millions of our bonds were held in Europe, thirteen hundred millions of foreign agencies. Several additional letters were read at the suggestion of Mr. SHERMAN. One was from the United States Consul at Amsterdam representing that the recent Prussian loan had cost that Government about two and a half per cent. Another was from the Secretary of the Treasury to the effect that one-half of one per cent. might be sufficient to cover the whole expense; but if one per cent. was allowed to remain, the cost would not be increased. Mr. SHERMAN maintained that one per cent. provision should be retained; that all necessary discretion be given to the Secretary in view of the strict responsibility to which he would be held. In some cases the cost might not exceed one-eighth of one per cent., but in remote countries it would be increased. Many European bankers would be glad to act as agents of the United States without charging any interest on the balance left the Government resulting in the fry that the pay now would amount to a dispute. Our bondholders would be enabled to pay their income taxes, Great Britain and Germany not do it. For the good reason that they have already always paid income taxes in Europe.

Mr. CORBETT expressed his personal interest in the payment of the interest in this country.

Mr. DAVIS delivered an argument in support of his motion to recommit the bill with instructions to the Committee to reduce the rate of interest on all outstanding bonds to five per cent., to tax all dividends received on United States bonds as much income; to reduce the appropriation for the army to reasonable yearly sum of twenty thousand men; to reduce the aggregate appropriation for the navy to twenty millions; for civil and diplomatic service ten millions; and the aggregate amount of internal tax and duties on imports, each thirty-three and a third per cent.

At 3:30 o'clock the Senate went into Executive session, and afterward adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. ROGERS called the attention of the Speaker to the violation of the rule which prescribed who are entitled to the privileges of the floor, and complained that he was constantly annoyed by railroad and other lobby agents.

The Speaker promised to look to the matter and that the rules be enforced.

THE SALE OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

Mr. JULIAN, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill to prevent the further sale of public lands in Dakota except under the Preemption and Homestead laws, and the laws for disposing of mineral lands and town sites.

Mr. HOLMAN moved to amend by striking out the words "limiting the bill to Dakota Territory," so as to make it apply to all public lands, which was agreed to by a vote of 84 to 37.

Mr. WILSON, of Minnesota, moved to amend by providing that the bill shall not apply to timber lands. Rejected.

Mr. DONNELLY moved to lay the bill on the table. Rejected.

The bill was finally rejected—yeas 78, nays 90.

TAXING CRIPPLED SOLDIERS.

Mr. SCHENCK, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, sent to the Clerk's desk and had read, resolutions of the New-York Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, adopted last June, and a lithographed circular signed by J. E. LANSING, of Brooklyn, N. Y., complaining of the assessment and collection of taxation on crippled soldiers and sailors for playing hand organs. The Committee was surprised at such a statement, for it was not aware that any such tax had been collected on any organ grinder, whether maimed soldier, sailor, or not. Application to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue showed that no such tax was authorized or levied, and if any maimed soldier sitting on a street corner in New-York were on his hands a certificate that he had paid ten dollars tax as an organ grinder, it was either a fraud or a forgery; what was much more likely, persons had been hired for political effect to sit on street corners wearing such placards, in order to bring the Government, the laws and the Republican Party into disrepute.

MR. VOORHEES AND THE SALE OF CADETSHIPS.

Mr. VOORHEES, rising to a personal explanation, referred to a Washington dispatch in yesterday's New-York Herald, which stated that the Military Committee was investigating the fact of his having appointed a cadet from Pennsylvania. That was the first he had heard of any such investigation, and within the last few minutes he had been informed by members of the Committee on Military Affairs that there was not one word or syllable of truth in that dispatch. He had no cadet at West Point. He had one at Annapolis, and that one was the son of Dr. WM. MAXWELL WOOD, of the United States Navy, an officer of many years standing, and who was afloat in the service of his country at the time of his appointment. The boy's grandmother and uncle were residents of his own town, and if his father had a shore residence, he (Mr. VOORHEES) had not had his attention called to it.

Mr. LOGAN, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, remarked that there had been no allegation of any kind made against Mr. VOORHEES and no witnesses examined relating to him.

Mr. VOORHEES thanked Mr. LOGAN for his voluntary statement.

THE GEORGIA BILL.

The House then resumed consideration of the Georgia bill.

Mr. WOOD protested against the bill, declaring that it was intended as a precedent for the establishment of a Congressional oligarchy. It was a revolutionary, audacious and monstrous measure.

Mr. COX also protested against the bill, and said that the States of the Union had reached the very depths of humiliation in this measure. The Reconstruction Committee dictated to Congress, and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. BUTLER) dictated to the Reconstruction Committee, so that the rights of the States were all dependent upon the whim of one man. He repudiated association with either side of the radical row in Georgia represented in the House by Messrs. BINGHAM and BUTLER. Congress had enough to do without stirring in local wrangle or radical plunder schemes. But the House was neglecting taxes, taxation and what not to discuss whether BLODGETT had committed perjury or BULLOCK took two millions of railroad funds.

Mr. WOODWARD said he concurred in the views expressed in opposition to the bill. He did not rise, however, to discuss it, but to have read at the Clerk's desk a letter which he had received from a highly-respectable gentleman in Macon, Ga., correcting statements by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. BUTLER). The letter having been read,

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, rose to close the debate, and proceeded to defend and advocate the bill. He referred to various acts of legislation in regard to reconstruction, and argued to prove the inconsistency of the position taken by Messrs. BINGHAM and FARNSWORTH.

Mr. FARNSWORTH remarked that the gentleman from Massachusetts had done well in giving notice, in the opening of his remarks, that he would not submit to interruption, because the statements he was making would not bear interruption.

Mr. BUTLER continued his argument, and remained in the House long enough to have withdrawn his amendment extending the term of office in Georgia, and there was nothing in the bill now touching that point. He remarked that the person whose letter Mr. WOODWARD had read to the Clerk was a pretty person to undertake to advise members of the House. He was a rebel named BACON, a member of the Agricultural State Fair Committee, held recently in Macon, which had refused to permit the United States flag to be raised over the fair building, although the building itself belonged to the United States.

Mr. WOODWARD said Mr. BUTLER to whom he referred.

Mr. BUTLER—To the writer of that letter, Mr. BACON. Is he not the same man?

Mr. WOODWARD—I do not know that he is the same man at all, and I desire to say—

Mr. BUTLER (interrupting)—I did not yield for the gentleman to state what he does not know. That would take too long. [Laughter.]

Mr. WOODWARD—I want to make a correction as to that flag matter.

Mr. BUTLER said he could not yield any further. The people of this country were practical, not theoretical, and would never stree that Congress should yield on this great question. They saw that Georgia had murdered her citizens and had deprived them of their rights. They wanted peace and quiet established there. They wanted this reconstruction policy to go forward and they would sustain the action of Gov. BULLOCK, of Gen. TERRY, of Gen. GRANT and of Congress in the matter of Georgia.

The question was then taken on Mr. BINGHAM's amendment, as follows:

"Provided that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to vacate any of the offices now filled in the State of Georgia, either by the election of the people or by the appointment of the Governor thereof, by and with the consent of the Senate of said State. Neither shall this act be construed to extend the official tenure of any officer of said State beyond the term limited by the Constitution thereof, dating from the election or appointment of such officer, nor to deprive the people of Georgia of the right under their Constitution, to elect Senators and Representatives of the State of Georgia in the year 1870, either on the day named in the Constitution of such State, or such other day as the present Legislature may designate by law."

The amendment was agreed to. Yeas, 114; nays, 71.

The bill, as amended, was then passed.

The following is the vote in detail on Mr. BINGHAM's amendment:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Allison, Ambler, Archer, Arrell, Banks, Beaman, Beatty, Beck, Bright, Bingham, Bird, Blair, Blackburn, Blackburn, Blair, Boutwell, Bowen, Cook, Cox, Crebs, Cullen, Dawes of Massachusetts, Dickinson, Dockery, Dox, Duell, Eldridge, Farnsworth, Ferry, Ferriss, Finkelnburg, Garfield, Gove, Griswold, Haight, Hale of Ohio, Hale, Hamilton of Maryland, Hamill, Hawkins, Hawley, Hay, Heaton, Hill, Holman, Ingersoll, Jenckes, Johnson, Jones of Kentucky, Judd, Kelley, Kerr, Ketcham, Knott, Lafin, Logan, Marshall, Mayham, McCarthy, McCormick, McCrary, McKenzie, McNeely, Milnes, Moore of Ohio, Moore of Illinois, Niblack, Orth, Packard, Packer, Platt, Pomeroy, Potter, Randall, Sessing, Rogers, Rice, Rogers, Sargent, Schenck, Schumaker, Sherwood, Slocum, Smith of Ohio, Smith of Vermont, Starkweather, Stiles, Stone, Strader, Strong, Swann, Taffe, Tanner, Trimble, Tyner, Van Auken, Van Trump, Voorhees, Washburn of Wisconsin, Washburn of Massachusetts, Welker, Wells, Wheeler, Willkinson, Willard, Williams, Wilson of Minnesota, Wilson of Ohio, Winans, Witcher, Wood, Woodward—114.

NAYS—Messrs. Arnell, Aspen, Atwood, Ayer, Benjamin of Missouri, Bates, Bowen, Boyd, Brooks of Massachusetts, Buck, Buckley, Buffinton, Burdett, Butler of Massachusetts, Cake, Chanler, Chipman, Cobb, Coburn, Clarke, Cobb of Wisconsin, Cobb of North Carolina, Conger, Covode, Davis of New-York, Dickey, Donley, Disher, Gilfillan, Hamilton of Florida, Harris, Hays, Hoar, Hunter, Kitchen, Lynch, Mallory, Moore of North Carolina, Julian, Kelley of Pennsylvania, Knapp, Leah, Lawrence, Loughridge, Maynard, McRee, Mercur, Moore of New-Jersey, Morrell of Pennsylvania, Morrill, Morton, Myers, Negley, O'Neill, Paine, Palmer, Perce, Phelps, Prosser, Roots, Sanford, Sawyer, Shanks, Smith of Tennessee, Smyth of Iowa, Stevenson of Ohio, Stokes, Stoughton, Strickland, Tillman, Townsend, Twichell, Upson, Van Horn—71.

Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, states that he had voted for the bill simply because he desired the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, and also because he would not be found voting on a political question with the Democrats in the House.

ECONOMY IN THE PRINTING BUREAU.

Mr. LAFLIN, from the Committee on Printing, reported a joint resolution to discontinue the supervisors heretofore accompanying the report of the Commissioner of Patents, enforcing this contract to be made with the Commissioner of Patents for gratuitous distribution, and over and above the fixed copies of the complete specifications and drawings of each patent issued, one copy to be placed for free public inspection in each Capitol of every State and Territory, one in the Clerk's office of each United States District Court, and one in the library of Congress; and, also, such additional copies of specifications and drawings for sale as may be warranted by the actual demand therefor; all lithographing and engraving executed by or under the direction of the Commissioner of Patents, to be awarded to the lowest and best bidder.

Mr. LAFLIN, referring to a resolution introduced by him as Chairman of the Committee on Printing, during the Thirty-ninth Congress, whereby the House reduced the number of copies of the Patent Report $217 per cent., and thereby saved to the Government hundreds of thousands of dollars, asserted that the resolution now introduced would save the first year over $171,000, and if the number of patents continued for the next decade as in the past, the saving would amount to $1,000,000 per annum. After a few words of explanation by Mr. LAFLIN the matter was laid over.

SUNDAY PRINTING.

Mr. ROGERS, from the Committee on Printing, reported a bill providing that the publication of the Congressional Record shall not be to be considered as to diminish the rates of printing granted in special bills. He referred to the case of Mrs. Commodore PORTER, who was granted, by a special act, over twenty years ago, a pension of fifty dollars per month, but the Secretary of the Interior had recently decided that under the act of 1869 no higher pension than thirty dollars per month could be paid. The bill went over until to-morrow.

MAKING ABOUT RETRENCHMENT.

Mr. STEVENSON, of Ohio, offered a resolution resolving that Capt. G. F. HALL desired, in the interest of science, and for the material advantage of his country, to make another voyage of exploration and discovery to the Arctic regions, and authorizing the President to furnish a steamer for the voyage, and appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the expense thereof. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

NAVAL BALANCES.

Mr. COX asked leave to offer a resolution calling for the monthly report of the naval unexpended balances. Objection was made.

The House then, at 4:20, adjourned.

AMUSEMENTS.

Yesterday's Concerts.

Association Hall was filled last evening by an audience assembled by the announcement of a grand charity concert for the benefit of the Western Dispensary. The artists were Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, Miss Hattie Gibbs, Mrs. Jennie Kempon, Mr. W. J. Hill, Signor Morsa, Signor P. Centemeri and Mr. J. N. Pattison. They interpreted a programme of tremendous length, which was almost doubled by incessant demands for repeats. A Swedian melody was Miss KELLOGG's most satisfactory contribution to the performance, which was made especially conspicuous, let us note, by the assistance of Mr. J. N. PATTISON. Mr. PATTISON had not been heard in the concert room for some months, and his rendering of the familiar "Polka de Concert" and of a "Russian Hymn," with variations, gave assurance of the unfailing influence of tasteful and brilliant execution....Mr. LEVY, the great cornet player, gave, yesterday, a popular concert at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Mr. LEVY's marvelous command over his instrument received its unfailing tribute of applause. BEETHOVEN's delicious morceau "Adelaide," was rendered with that exquisite finish and unique power of expression which uniformly distinguish his efforts. No less welcome were SCHUBERT's beautiful and suggestive "Serenade," the well known "Belraggio" from "Semiramide" and the ever fresh "Last Rose of Summer," the last given in response to an encore. A solo, on the piano, on the march movement from "Tannhauser," by [illegible] MERLIN, was received with an amount of genuine enthusiasm which spoke volumes for the musical taste of the audience. "Hexameron," a duet for two pianos, supplied from the manuscript of LISZT, and performed by Miss MERLIN and Mr. S. B. MILLS, was also rapturously applauded. The other artists were Mlle. PAULINE CANISSA, Miss NETTIE STERLING, and Signor RANDOLFI, and Mr. CHARLES FRADEL officiated as conductor.

The Gottschalk Memorial Concert.

The concert given in memory of GOTTSCHALK by his pupil, Mr. J. B. HANER, the pianist, takes place to-night at the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. HANER will be assisted by Mme. MARIA SALVOTTI, soprano; Mr. L. P. THATCHER, tenor; Sig. CAMILLE ZACCOTTI, baritone; Mr. A. L. MORA, organist; Mr. JOSEPH LEWENBERG, violinist, and Dr. WM. BERGE, conductor. Most of the pieces of the programme will consist of GOTTSCHALK's own compositions. Among these are promised the "Marche de Nuit," the "Idol of Beauty," "Mort"—"He is dead"—strangely enough the dead pianist's last composition, and reminding one forcibly of the parallel instance of MOZART's Requiem—"Oh Loving Heart Trust On," "Pastorella e Cavaliere," "La Gallina," (for four hands,) the "Marche Funebre," (for the first time here,) the "Mountaineer's Song," the "Last Hope," "Slumber on, Baby, dear," and "Repondé Moi," (also for four hands.) These selections, with others, make an an attractive entertainment, which, added to the special interest of the occasion, will doubtless crowd the hall.

Important Canal Meeting.

We learn that a meeting of those interested in the measures now pending before the Legislature, affecting the canal policy of the State, will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at which important information will be given and speeches made. Hon. I. T. HATCH, of Buffalo, who has been in the City for the past week in consultation with prominent friends of the canal, will, we are informed, submit written opinions by Judges COMSTOCK and PARSONS, and from Hon. WM. M. EVARTS and JOHN GARSON, fully sustaining the constitutionality of his proposed scheme to fund the existing canal debt and reduce the tolls. So strong an array of legal opinion ought to remove the doubts and opposition of those Democratic members of the Legislature who have hitherto withheld their support of Mr. HATCH's scheme on constitutional grounds.

The Fifteenth Amendment.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In an editorial in the TIMES of this morning occurs the following:

"Conceding that New-York was competent to withdraw its ratification, and the action of Indiana to be irregular, we still have the requisite number of twenty-eight, counting in Texas and Georgia. But they are not yet States, although they will be in a few days."

I find by reference to article 5 of the Constitution that amendments are to be ratified "by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States." Now it

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

There was a good attendance at the Exchange yesterday, but there was little spirit in the bidding for real estate, and the property sold in most instances brought comparatively low prices. MULLER, WILKINS & CO. offered some valuable property, including a leased and improved Washington-square, but no actual sales were made by them. The leases of the remaining lots on the old Hospital ground were set at $2,500 each as a premium and annual rent, but found no takers at that price, although those sold last year brought a premium of $700 to $800. One of the conditions of the proposed lease is that the lessee shall "erect within two years a substantial store on each lot leased of brick, stone or metal material, not less than four stories high, covering the whole front of each lot, with roof of slate or metal."

E. H. LUDLOW disposed of some valuable business property on Duane and Hudson streets, and two vacant lots on Eleventh-avenue. No. 155 Duane-street, consisting of a lot 25 feet by 94, with the buildings thereon, brought $17,050. No. 20 Hudson-street was sold for $13,800. This is an irregularly shaped lot, having a front of 20 feet on the east side of Hudson-street, and as outline as follows: Running east 94 feet parallel with Reade-street; north 20.8 feet parallel with West Broadway; 35 feet east parallel with Reade-street, and 31.2 feet north parallel with West Broadway; 50 feet west parallel with Duane-street, and 24.9 feet south to Hudson. The two lots on Eleventh-avenue are situated on the west side, between Ninety-fourth and Ninety-fifth streets, and brought $2,600 each.

JAMES H. MILLER sold some property on Cortlandt-street, between Washington and West, which excited some competition. The Northern Hotel, situated on the southeast corner of Cortlandt and West streets, with a front of 34.9 feet on the former and 61.9 feet on the latter, brought $68,500. The Jersey Hotel, No. 71 Cortlandt, sold for $16,000. Two lots on Washington-street, adjoining this last, brought $11,900.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. sold the building known as Warip No. 94 Water-street, near Gouverneur, for $30,000. The store is 25 feet by 62, of brick, five stories high. The same firm sold a four and three-story house on Beekman Hill, No. 225 East Sixty-second-street, for $6,200, and a lot and frame house on Sixty-first-street, between First-avenue and Avenue A, for $2,300.

ROBERT McGUIRE sold a considerable amount of store and tenement property, the particulars of which are given in the schedule below.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK.

By Roberts & McGuire.

No. 451 1st-av., w. s., between 25th and 26th sts., two story brick house, (with store,) house, 22x40; lot, 25x75. No. 453 ditto ditto, adjoining house, two story brick, (with stores,) each 25x40; lots each 25x100; together $27,500
No. 606 East 14th-st., n. s., 25 ft. e. of Avenue D, house, two story brick, 22.6x30; lot, 22.6x100.5 12,400
Nos. 559 and 561 West 29th-st., n. s., between 10th and 11th ave., houses, four story brick, 22x50.4 each; lots 22x100.5 each 12,000
No. 23 Ridge-st., w. s., between Broome and Delancey, h. brick, 18x35; lot 18x75 3,600
No. 239 East 40th-st., s. s., 125 ft. e. of 3d-av., h., three story brick, 18x35; lot 18x100 4,800
Rl. and l., s. s., 42d-st., 85 ft. e. of 2d-av., h., three story brick, 18x30, lot 18x87 4,600

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

Warren-st., h. and l., No. 94, 25x60 ..... $68,000
West 41st-st., h. and l., n. s., 200 ft. e. of 1st-av., 20 x92 8,300
East 42d-st., h. and l., No. 225, 17x42x34 6,250

By E. H. Ludlow & Co.

2 lots, s. s. of 113th-av., 75.6 ft. e. of 8th-st., each 25x100, each $2,800
No. 155 Duane-st., n. s., 49.10 ft. w. of West Broadway, 24.11x94 17,050
No. 20 Hudson-st., 11x24.4x20x31.2x94.10x20.8 13,800

By James M. Miller.

Hotel and l. s. e. corner of Cortlandt and West sts., 58.9x61.9x68.8x68 ..... $68,500
No. 71 Cortlandt-st., s. s., Jersey Hotel, 24x100 16,000
Nos. 164 and 166 Washington-st., 63.4 ft. s. of Cortlandt, each 20x80, each 11,900

Transfers of Real Estate.

NEW-YORK.

Christie-st., s. s., 100 ft. s. of Rivington-st., 22x100 ..... $14,000
West Houston-st., n. s., 66.4 ft. e. of Thompson-st., 18.9x71.10, h. and l. 10,000
4th-st., n. e. s., 215 ft. s. e. of Avenue C, 21.8x80 8,000
Bleecker-st., n. s., 237 ft. e. of 1st-av., 22.6x84 5,000
27th-st., s. s., 275 ft. w. of 10th-av., 25x98.9 4,500
28th-st., s. s., 371.6 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x98.9 4,477
28th-st., s. s., 195.6 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x98.9 ..... nom.
121st-st., s. s., 320 ft. w. of 2d-av., 50x100.10 4,000
2d-av., w. s., 49.4 ft. n. of 27th-st., 24.8x100 19,000
8th-av. and 47th-st., n. w. corner, 100x100 block ..... nom.

Leases Recorded.

Chatham square, No. 192, 3d and 4th stories, 3 1-4 years, for use $2,000
Allen-st., No. 12, 1 year, for use ..... nom.
Hudson-st., s. s., 120 ft. w. of Bedford, 1 year, per year 1,000

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Kent-av., n. s., 225 ft. e. of Nostrand-av., 15x100, h. and l. $1,000
Manhattan-place, e. s., 180 ft. s. of Rapelye-st., 25x50 1,000
McDibble-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of Lorriner-st., 50x100 1,000
Scott-st., s. s., 100 ft. w. of Gold-st., 19x102 1,000
Wilson-st., s. s., 150 ft. w. of Ewen-st., 25x100 1,000
North 7th-st., s. s., 175 ft. e. of 6th-st., 25x100 1,000
10th-st., s. s., 245.7 ft. w. of 6th-av., 21.11x100 1,000
Atlantic-av., s. s., 150 ft. w. of Miller-av., 25x100 1,000
Atlantic-av., s. s., 320 ft. e. of Rochester-av., 50x100 1,000
De Kalb-av., n. s., 200 ft. e. of Lewis-av., 100x100 1,000
Evergreen-av., 117.2 ft. w. of 2d and Adams-st., 100 ft. s. of, new lot, 18.7x51.8x8x100 1,000
Gates-av., n. s., 125 ft. w. of Lewis-av., 50x100 1,000
Macon-st., e. s., 100 ft. s. of Hooper-st., 100x100 1,000
Myrtle-av., n. s., 160.11 ft. e. of Jefferson-st., 20x100 1,000
Putnam-av., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Marcy-av., 20x100 1,000

QUEENS COUNTY.

Flushing.

Centre-st., s. s., 200 ft. w. of Farrington-st., lot No. 6, block No. 1 ..... $50

Newtown.

Whitehead Abrams to Rockaway road, adjoining Hewlett's, 18½ acres $2,500

Hempstead.

John, Wychoff, Barclay and Strong sts., 1 block $1,400

Jamaica.

Merwick and Jamaica plank-road, s.s., adjoining O'Reilly's, 10 acres $3,500

Newtown.

Bayduan-place, n. s., 200 ft. e. of Chicago-av., 50x100 ..... $200
Trust Meadow road, n. s., adjoining Carpenter, 1st lot, 11½ acres 10,000

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

Brunswick-st., s. s., adjoining D. Scott's, 77x112 2,000
Clinton-st., n. s., 347 ft. from Orchard-st., 25x102 1,000
Lock and New sts., indefinite, 25x75 1,000
Fulton-st., n. s., adjoining W. Force's lot, 25x102 1,000
Lafayette-st., n. s., adjoining D. Gardner's property, 25x102 4,000
Seymour-st., s. s., 100 ft. s. of Hamburg-place, 50x100 1,300
South-st., s. s., 130 ft. w. of New-Jersey Railroad, 22x101 10,000

East Orange.

Park-st. and Maple-av., s. w. corner, 50x100 ..... $1,000

Clinton.

Indefinite plot, T. Fuller to S. W. Britton, 11 35.100 acres $20,000

Belleville.

Washington-av. lots, n. w., and No. 12, block H, 16x200 ..... $900
Washington-av. lots, No. 4, block C, 82x100 500

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RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday steamers, not carrying steerage. First Cabin.....$125 gold. Second Cabin.....$85 gold.

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FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—INMAN LINE of Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF BOSTON.....Saturday, Mar. 9, 12 M.
CITY OF BRUSSELS (NEW STEAMER).....Tuesday, Mar. 12, 7 A.M.
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And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE

IN THE MAIL STEAMERS SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
First Cabin		Steerage	
To London	$85	To London	40
To Paris	115	To Paris	47

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GOLD.		CURRENCY.	
PAYABLE IN GOLD.		PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Liverpool		Liverpool	
Halifax	20	Halifax	15
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NEVADA, Captain GREEN.....Mar. 6, at 2 P. M.
COLORADO, Captain WILLIAMS.....Mar. 13, at 4 P. M.
NEBRASKA, Captain GUARD.....Mar. 20, at 11 A. M.
MANHATTAN, Captain FORSYTH, Mar. 27, at 3 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Captain PRICE.....April 3, at 10 A. M.
IDAHO, Captain CUTTING.....April 10, at 3 P. M.

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The first-class steamships of this favorite line

RISING STAR

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Rates of Passage—First cabin, $80; second cabin, $60; steerage, $30, gold.

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NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN, From Pier No. 47 North River.

FRANCE, Captain CAMPBELL, sails at 10 A. M. DENMARK, Fontes, Saturday, March 16, at 7 A. M.

Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $80 and $70; Steerage, $30, currency.

Prepaid certificates from Liverpool or Queenstown, London, Londonderry and Glasgow, $34 currency.

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ON 8TH AND 23D OF EACH MONTH,

except when such days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.

One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Extra baggage at reduced rates.

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COLUMBIA, Captain E. VAN SICE, March 17.
MISSOURI, Captain M. B. GERRER, (via Nassau,) March 21.

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Atlantic Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer MISSOURI, Captain M. B. Gerrer, March 26, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

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10:30 A. M., day express, drawing-room cars 4th-ward.

4:00 P. M., Montreal express, drawing-room cars attached.

6:30 P. M., Pacific express, with sleeping cars through to Chicago without change, via N. C. Railroad, also S. C. and M. S. Railroads. (daily.)

11:00 P. M., night express, sleeping cars attached.

7:00 A. M., 2:30 and 5 P. M., Poughkeepsie trains.

9:00 A. M., 3:30 and 6:30 P. M., Fishkill trains.

1:00 and 6:30 P. M., Sing Sing trains.

6:40, 7:30, 9:10 A. M., 12 M., 3, 4:25, 5:10, 7 and 11:30 P. M., Yonkers trains.

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NOV. 15, 1869. J. M. TOUCEY, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS WILL LEAVE Midepots as foot of Chambers-st. and foot of 23d-st., as follows:

Through Express trains leave Chambers-st. at 6 A. M., 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. (daily.) leave 23d-st. at 6:20 A. M., 10:20 A. M., and 2:15 P. M. (daily.) Now and improved Accommodation Train leaves Chambers-st. at 8 A. M. (train through to Buffalo, connecting at Hornellsville with magnificent Sleeping Coaches through to Cleveland and Galion, Sleeping Coaches will be attached to the train at Buffalo for Detroit and Chicago) leave 23d-st. at 8:20 A. M., 12 M., 3, 4:25, 5:10, 7 and 11:30 P. M. (Sundays except.)

For Port Jervis and Way, leave 23d-st. at 8:20 A. M. (Omaha Express) 12 M., 4:25 and 5:10 P. M. (Omaha Express) 12 M., 4:25 and 5:10 P. M. (Sundays except.)

For Middletown and Way, at 4:25 P. M. (23d-st. 5:15 P. M.)

For Otisville and Way at 8:20 A. M. daily, (23d-st. 8:15 A. M.)

For Newburg and Way, at 8 A. M., 3:30 and 4:30 P. M. (23d-st. 8:15 A. M., 3:15 and 4:15 P. M.)

For Suffern and Way, 3 P. M. and 5 P. M. (23d-st. 3:45 and 5:45 P. M.) Theatre train, 11:30 P. M. (23d-st. 11:45 P. M.)

For Piermont and Way, from foot 23d-st. Depot, at 8:45 A. M., 3:45 P. M., 4:45 P. M. (daily.) 8:45 A. M., 11:45 A. M., 1:45 P. M., 3:45 P. M. (daily.) 8:45 A. M. and 3:45 P. M. From Chambers-st. Depot, at 6:45 A. M., 9:45 A. M., 12 M., 3:45 P. M. (daily.)

TO NEW-JERSEY, LONG BRANCH AND SHORE.—For Red Bank, Long Branch, Point Pleasant, at 8:45 A. M., 12 M., 3:45 P. M. (daily.) For Long Branch and Way, 4 P. M. (Saturdays only.) For Freehold and Way, 3:45 P. M. (daily.) For Bordentown and Way, 8:45 A. M., 3:45 P. M. (daily.)

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SHREWSBURY, RED BANK AND Long Branch.—The steamer SEA BIRD will leave New-York, foot of Warren-st., as follows:

Tuesday, 5th	10:30 A.M.	Wednesday, 6th	8:30 A.M.
Thursday, 8th	12:30 P.M.	Friday, 15th	8:30 A.M.
Saturday, 16th	3:30 P.M.	Monday, 18th	8:30 A.M.
Tuesday, 19th	12:30 P.M.	Wednesday, 20th	8:30 A.M.
Thursday, 22d	3:30 P.M.	Friday, 23d	8:30 A.M.
Saturday, 23d	3:30 P.M.	Monday, 25th	8:30 A.M.
Tuesday, 26th	3:30 P.M.	Friday, 29th	8:30 A.M.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of CHARLES C. WEBB and THOMAS H. TAYLOR, bankrupts.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed by the bankrupts, Charles C. Webb, of the City of New-York, and Thomas H. Taylor, of the City of Newark, State of New-York, praying for a discharge from their debts and other claims provable under the bankrupt act of the United States; that the 26th day of March, 1872, at 10 A. M., before the Court, at Room No. 17, Williams Building, No. 52 Broadway, in the City of New-York, is appointed for the hearing of the said petition, when and where all creditors of the said bankrupts may appear in opposition to the prayer of the said petition, if they have, why the prayer of the said petitioners should not be granted.—Dated New-York, at the 1st day of March, 1872.

GEO. E. REITE, Clerk.

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WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation in a private family; is a first-class cook; has no objection to assist in the washing and ironing; has good references as to character and ability; wages, $25 per month. Call at No. 27 West 30th-st., between 6th and 7th ave., top floor.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as housekeeper and lady's maid; understands dress making; can cut and fit children's clothes and do all kinds of family sewing; best of City references. Call at No. 27 West 30th-st., between 6th and 7th ave., top floor.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTant woman, a situation; as excellent cook; pastry, cake, ice-cream and all kinds of family cooking; good laundress; country or City; wages moderate. At No. 42 Bleecker-st., near Mercer.

WANTED—SITUATIONS FOR A LARGE number of Protestant and Catholic Protestant and other cooks; country or City; experienced nurses, seamstresses, waitresses, chamber-maids, laundresses, house waitresses, housekeepers, &c. SCOTTS, No. 20 Bleecker, near No. 3.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH PROTESTANT, A situation as thorough chambermaid in a private family; is a good plain sewer; no objections to the country; City references. Call two days at No. 125 West 27th-st.

WANTED—BY AN EXPERIENCED WOMAN, confidential in the management of the kitchen, a situation as cook, in a small private family. Address or call at No. 134 West 30th-st., near 6th-ave., top floor.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WELSH GIRL, (Protestant,) a situation as nurse; would like to travel with a family going to Europe or California; has good City references from last place. Call at No. 56 Thirty-fifth, first two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXPERienced Protestant woman, as first-class cook; understands cooking in all the branches; can be well recommended by her last employer. Call in the morning, No. 209½ 42d-st.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL, NOT LONG in the country, a situation to do chamber-work, and to take care of growing children. Can be seen at No. 22 West, between 6th and 7th-ave., for two days, second door, front room.

WANTED—BY A SEAMSTRESS, A SITUAtion in a private family; is a good plain sewer; can do all kinds of family sewing; prefers operating on Wheeler & Wilson's Sewing Machine; good City references. Can be seen in the fancy store, No. 107 East 4th-st.

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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

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The Supreme Lodge of the World of the Knights of Pythias met yesterday in annual session at Masonic Hall, Thirteenth-street. Representatives from all the Grand Lodges, to the number of fifty, were present. After the conferring of the Supreme Lodge degree upon the various applicants, the reports of the Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Scribe were read, showing an increase since the last session of eight Grand Lodges, with a membership of over forty thousand. The body adjourned to meet this morning at 9 o'clock. The session will probably last three days.

The first of a series of entertainments by the Cuban Charitable Aid Society, took place at Cooper Institute, last evening. Mr. DE CORDOVA recited his humorous poem, "Miss Jones' Woman," and there was singing by Mr. T. MEIR, Mrs. ANNA PAYNE and Miss SALVINI. The exercises closed with the recitation by Mr. DE CORDOVA of a poem in Spanish, HERREDIA'S "Hymn of the Exile." The attendance was quite slim, and little enthusiasm prevailed. The next entertainment is a lecture by Rev. GEO. H. HEPWORTH on the 23d inst.

Yesterday morning an affray occurred in the distillery at No. 28 Sullivan-street, between EDWARD POSEY, of No. 38 Thompson-street, and SAMUEL ANDERSON, an employe of the distillery, both colored, during which the latter cut POSEY with a razor, inflicting a severe wound on the arm, and at the same time struck him on the head with a bottle, which broke instantly; fled, before the Police were notified, but Capt. MCDONNELL, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, having sent officers in pursuit of him, expresses a hope that he will be captured.

"Why God made Alcohol" was the subject of a lecture delivered last evening by Miss FULLA COLEMAN, of Brooklyn, at the Harvard Rooms, corner of Forty-second-street and Sixth-avenue. The speaker eloquently opposed the use of alcohol in the Church for sacramental purposes, in the sick-room by the advice of the physician, and in the home circle as used in the shape of current wine and blackberry brandy, as well as in the public rum shops. She had no faith in any prohibitory law, unless it carried with it the Christian and moral power of the community. It was very evident that God never made alcohol for use as a beverage, or even for medicinal or sacramental purposes. The lecture was listened to throughout with much attention.

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On this and to-morrow evenings the Bleecker-street Universalist Sunday-school will give its thirty-second annual exhibition in the church, corner of Bleecker and Downing streets. The programmes of each evening is replete with good things that cannot fail to please.

The total deaths in this City, during the past week, was 484, caused as follows: Smallpox, 18; measles, 3; scarlatina, 27; diphtheria, 3; croup, 6; whooping-cough, 6; typhus fever, 1; typhoid fever, 1; cholera infantum, 1; other diarrheal diseases, 12; other zymotic diseases, 24; accident or negligence, 12.

The Central Union of the United Coopers of New-York and New-Jersey convened yesterday morning, at No. 100 Henry-street. Delegates were present from Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Jersey City, Trenton and other cities. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing term: President, Mr. KELLY, of Albany; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. PARTELL and YERGER; Recording Secretary, Mr. MCGOVERN; Financial Secretary, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Treasurer, Mr. MUREAY. The session will probably extend over the next few days.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, a livery-stable man, was arraigned before Judge SHANDLEY yesterday and held to answer for having stolen thirteen pairs of shoes, worth $36, from the show stand in front of DUDLEY KELLY'S store, No. 299 King-street, on Monday afternoon. On being discovered the accused ran instantly fled, before the Police were notified, but Capt. MCDONNELL, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, having sent officers in pursuit of him, expresses a hope that he will be captured.

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